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FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

(FIRST SESSION.)

A Bill to Amend the Pacific Railway Acts.

Senator Morton on the Condition of Affairs in Mississippi.

Proposed New Postal Telegraph System.

Debate on the Centennial Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, January 20, 1876.

SENATE.

Stamps on Bank Checks.

Various petitions were presented asking for the repeal of the law requiring a two cent stamp to be affixed to bank checks, and referred.

Suits to Recover Money.

Mr. EDMUNDS submitted the following:

Resolved, That the Attorney General be and he is hereby directed to inform the Senate what steps have been taken by any suit or otherwise under the second section of the act making appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the Government for the year ending June 30th, 1874, and for other purposes, approved March 3d, 1873, and whether in any suit brought under said section the claim of the United States for five per cent. of the net earnings therein mentioned was brought under adjudication and passed upon, and if not, why not, and that he also communicate the present condition of the matters therein referred to.

Agreed to.

He also submitted a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to communicate to the Senate what action, if any, has been taken by him under the act of Congress entitled "An act providing for the collection of moneys due the United States from the Pacific Railroad Company," approved June 22, 1874, and what is the present condition of the matters therein referred to, and also directing the Secretary to communicate to the Senate what steps, if any, have been taken by him under the second section of the act making appropriations for the legislative and judicial expenses of the Government for the year ending June 30, 1874, and what is the present condition of the matters therein referred to.

Agreed to.

Bridge Across the Missouri River.

Mr. ALLISON introduced a bill to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri river at Sioux City. Referred.

Bankruptcy.

Mr. MITCHELL submitted a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to examine the provisions of "an act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March 2d, 1867, and the amendment thereto, and report to the Senate whether in their judgment the provision requiring that a petition in case of compulsory or involuntary bankruptcy shall be by one or more creditors, who shall constitute one-fourth thereof at least in number, the aggregate of whose debts provable shall amount to at least one-third of the debts so provable, applies in a case where the debtor is a corporation, or whether, in their judgment, under the existing law a corporation debtor may be thrown into involuntary bankruptcy on the petition of a single creditor who does not constitute one-fourth in number of all the creditors, and whose debt does not amount to one-third of the debts provable against such corporations.

Agreed to.

Pacific Railways.

Mr. WEST introduced a bill to amend the Pacific Railway acts of July 1st and July 2d, 1864, which provides that from and after its enactment all the Pacific Railway Companies shall be liable to pay into the Treasury of the United States the whole amount of interest heretofore paid the Government on bonds loaned to them to aid in the construction of their roads, together with the interest upon the several sums paid by the Government in the discharge of the interest on said bonds at the rate of — per cent. per annum from the date of payment, less the amount retained by the Government for small transportation, which shall be credited in the account every six months.

The bill further requires the companies respectively to deposit in the United States Treasury ten days preceding the maturity of the semi-annual interest on the bonds loaned, such sums as, added to the amount then due each company for mail service, will amount to the semi-annual interest then falling due. Referred.

Mormonism.

Mr. CHRISTIANCY introduced a bill to provide for challenges to jurors in trials for bigamy and polygamy in the Territory of Utah, and to amend section 4 of the act in relation to courts and judicial officers in the Territory of Utah, approved June 24, 1874. Referred.

The Election in Mississippi.

At the expiration of the morning hour the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Morton in regard to the election in Mississippi was resumed, and Mr. MORTON continued his speech of yesterday. He said the task which he had undertaken was not a pleasant one, but it was in the performance of what he regarded as a high duty. No more important question could be presented to the Senate than the one now under consideration. He inquired whether the majority of the people of a State could be forced by violence and fraud, and whether two important amendments to the Constitution of the United States could be violated without notice. He asked the Senate to listen to the evidence he would produce, and desired to state in the beginning that it was from Democratic sources. He then spoke of the financial condition of that State, and said it had been represented that the Government had been extravagant beyond question, and in Mississippi this had been made an excuse for murder and outrage. He stated that in 1870 the Republican party found the State destitute and prostrate, and extraordinary expense had to be incurred to lift it out of this condition. He compared the condition of the State under Democratic rule with the situation during the Republican control of affairs, and claimed that the Republican administration was far superior to the Democratic in honesty and economy. The Government, he said, had donated land to Mississippi, which had been squandered. The school fund had been stolen, and now the "white-liners" in Mississippi, educated in this way, pretend to be outraged by the present State Government, and wanted to be relieved of it.

He next read from the message of Gov. Tucker to show that

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prevailed in Mississippi before the war, and said he had more material of the same character, but did not think it necessary to take the time of the Senate in reading more. He then referred to the condition of affairs at the recent election, and read extracts from State newspapers to show that a feeling hostile to the negro existed. In regard to colored troops, he said Governor Ames had but five companies of colored militia, and he found that they could not be used to keep the peace. The Chairman of the Democratic State Committee went to Governor Ames and told him if he would disarm the colored troops the peace of the State should be preserved. Governor Ames did disarm them, but all on the Democratic side retained theirs.

He next read letters from Dr. H. V. Redfield to the Cincinnati *Commercial*, and said Dr. Redfield was an ardent Democrat, but a man of great intelligence, and he believed a good man.

Mr. MORTON denied that there had been any decrease of the value of property in Mississippi, and argued that it had increased in value instead. Land was leased to colored people in that State at a price that was equal to its assessed value.

At this point Mr. MORTON said he had been suffering with sore throat, and would not be able to conclude his remarks to-day. He therefore asked that this resolution be allowed to go over, and it was so ordered.

The Rules.

The Senate then took up the resolution to continue in force the joint rules for the government of the two Houses of Congress. The pending question being on the motion of Mr. Morton to accept the twenty-second joint rule in regard to counting the vote for President and Vice President.

The amendment of Mr. Morton was agreed to, and the resolution continuing in force the joint rules as amended by Mr. Morton was adopted.

Mr. BAYARD submitted a resolution instructing the Committee on Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to examine, and after a conference report whether any and what legislation is expedient in regard to matters considered in the twenty-second joint rule. Laid over.

A Railway Bill.

Mr. SARGENT introduced a bill in regard to postal routes, postoffices and post roads. It provides that every railroad in the United States and Territories shall be considered in law to be a postal route, and that every person or association desiring to do business with any railroad company or along the line of any railroad shall enjoy the same rights, facilities and privileges as may now or hereafter be enjoyed by the railroad or conceded to any other corporation, association, firm or person.

New Postal Telegraph System.

Mr. SARGENT introduced a bill conferring certain privileges upon telegraph companies and providing for the establishment of a new postal telegraph system, of which the following are the main features: Every postoffice in the United States situated at a point on any telegraph line shall also be a telegraph station, at which any telegraph company maintaining such line may establish and operate its instruments. If in any case it is apparent that the duties of the postmaster and telegraph operator could be performed by one person, the Postmaster General may appoint a suitable person for both duties, and all postmasters shall receive messages for transmission by telegraph, and cause them to be delivered, the telegraph company paying to the Government a postage of one cent on each. The charges for telegraphing all messages, to be received at or delivered from postoffices, shall be fixed by the Postmaster General, but must not exceed the following: For ten word messages less than 250 miles, ten cents; for distances between 250 and 500, fifteen cents; from 500 to 1,000 miles, twenty-five cents, and for all greater distances fifty cents—the address and signature to be free of charge and on additional words the rates to be in like proportion.

The bill, however, authorizes any such telegraph company to maintain other offices in important cities or places for the receipt, transmission and delivery of messages of an urgent character, and to charge rates for them higher than the foregoing; provided that Government business shall have precedence whenever the head of an executive department so requests, and that it shall be done at the lowest rates fixed by this bill. The Government is to have the right to purchase any line, excepting private ones, under this bill, at any time within three years after commencing operations under it, and at the actual cost, with 6 per cent. interest added.

The last section directs the Postmaster General to advertise forthwith for proposals and to award the contract to a responsible party undertaking to form telegraph connections to carry out the object of this bill, for rates not exceeding the prices above named, the contract to be for twenty years, unless the Government shall during the period purchase the lines.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

The Speaker called the committees for reports.

Postage on First Class Mail Matter.

Mr. WADDELL, from the Postoffice Committee, reported back adversely the bill introduced by Mr. Eames to reduce the postage on first class mail matter to one cent for each half ounce. Laid on the table.

Centennial Appropriation.

At the expiration of the morning hour the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Centennial appropriation bill, Mr. WOOD, of New York, in the chair, and was addressed by Mr. TOWNSEND, of New York, in favor of the appropriation. Mr. Townsend's speech was delivered in a humorous, conversational, story-telling style, and was thoroughly enjoyed, the members gathering around him and laughing heartily at his jokes.

Mr. STENGER (Pa.) followed in opposition to the bill. Alluding to the smallness of the subscription throughout the country to the Centennial fund, he said Congress was asked to pass this bill, while the people of the Union have said by their refusal to subscribe that they were not able to subscribe.

Mr. FELTON opposed the bill, but said his opposition was influenced by no vote in the House on the question of amnesty. If the House had perpetrated a wrong, that was no reason why he should vote against his convictions. His opposition to the bill was not opposition to the Centennial Exhibition. He wished success to the Exhibition, and feared that it would be the means of fraternizing the long estranged sections of the country. He was opposed to the bill because it was in direct conflict with the resolution adopted by the House on motion of the gentleman from Indiana (Holman). He regarded that vote as a contract between the representatives and their constituents, a contract ratified by universal approval. To vote for this bill would be, in his opinion, a violation of that contract. It had been too long the custom to sneer at the Constitution as something obsolete, but while it had lain like the dry bones of Ezekiel, the people had once more breathed upon those bones, and it would not be long until bone would be seen coming to bone, and the principles of that old Constitution would arise, a living army to do battle once more for human freedom.

Mr. JONES (Ky.) spoke in support of the bill as a measure in the interest of peace and unity.

Mr. COOK spoke against the bill, and argued that as the Government should be just before they are generous, the sixty million dollars of taxation wrested from the South during the war should be restored before the passage of this bill.

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NEW YORK.

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Plymouth Church Troubles.

It was determined yesterday that the Plymouth Church Advisory Council should be called for February 8th. Letters of invitation, to be sent out with the letter missive to between one hundred and two hundred Congregational churches, clergymen, professors and delegates, will be mailed this week. It has been decided to withhold the list of churches mentioned in the call, until letters of acceptance have been received or conceded to any other corporation, association, firm or persons.

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TRADE AND COMMERCE.

Canadians Jealous of American Competition—A Different Policy Advised.

OTTAWA, Ont., January 20.—The Dominion Board of Trade resumed its sitting this morning. A resolution was passed urging the Government to pass an act to clearly define the respective rights and liabilities of common carriers by land and water, as well as what constitutes the delivery of goods by vessels arriving in ports of the Dominion.

Resolutions were moved and seconded to the effect that the depressed condition of the manufacturing industries of the Dominion was unparalleled for such legislation as will afford relief to capital already invested in manufactures, encourage further investment, and afford employment to people in the workshops of the country; that while recognizing that the depression referred to may, to some extent, be due to over-production, it is, in the opinion of the Board, mainly owing to the competition of American manufacturers, who make Canada a slaughter market for surplus productions; that there is reasonable ground for anticipating that this system of unfair and unequal competition will, without Canadian legislation to meet it, be lessened in the future; but, on the contrary, the Board is of the opinion that gradual recovery among the people of the United States from the effects of civil war promises to increase it in intensity in the future; that in the opinion of this Board the true and patriotic policy for the Canadian Government would be to adopt a thoroughly national commercial policy, and with that view the readjustment of the tariff on a reciprocal duty with the United States should be adopted; that the Executive Committee be requested to memorialize Parliament on the sense of these resolutions, and, further, that the products of the soil, the forest and mines and manufactures thereof be considered.

SECOND EDITION

THE STATE CAPITAL.

Legislative Proceedings.

Bills Reported from Committees.

Several Measures Relating to Coal Mining.

The Bill Dividing Cities Into Three Classes Recommitted.

The Proposed Increase of Supreme Court Judges' Salaries Defeated.

A Commission Issued to Captain Tyson as Sealer of Weights and Measures of Allegheny County.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, January 20, 1875.

SENATE.

The Senate met at eleven o'clock, the Lieutenant Governor in the chair.

Stray Law.

Mr. BOYER presented two petitions of citizens of Clearfield county praying for the passage of a stray law. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary General.

Allegheny County Auctioneers.

Mr. NEWMYER presented a petition of the auctioneers of Allegheny county, praying for an amendment to the Auctioneer act of 1873. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

He also read in place a supplement to an act regulating the commission or license fee to be paid by auctioneers.

Road Law.

Mr. LAWRENCE presented a remonstrance numerously signed by citizens of Canton township, county of Washington, against any change in the road law now in force in said township.

Reports from Committees.

The following reports were made from committees:

An act relative to judgments and executors, with a negative recommendation.

An act relative to the transfer of the loans of cities and counties.

By Mr. LAWRENCE, a supplementary act to authorize the appointment of stenographers in the several Courts of the Commonwealth, prescribing their duties and fixing their compensation, with a negative recommendation.

An act relating to the service of notice of the time and place of meeting of arbitrators.

An act to empower Courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace to exclude farm lands from boroughs.

An act conferring jurisdiction upon Courts of Common Pleas in all cases of mortgages of property and franchises by railroad, canal or navigation companies.

An act relative to rights of corporations formed under the laws of other States.

An act to authorize the acquisition by the several counties of the Commonwealth, for the use of the county, of bridges erected over rivers, creeks and rivulets, and for the abolition of toll thereon.

An act relating to the registration of births and marriages in the cities.

An act in regard to the fraudulent concealment of vendors of land, with a negative recommendation.

An act relating to the appointment of auditors by courts.

An act authorizing the issuance of venires for the attendance of jurors of the several courts.

An act regulating passenger fare and freight rates on railroads not exceeding fifteen miles in length.

A supplementary act dividing the cities of the State into three classes, and for other purposes.

An act relating to idle and disorderly persons in cities of the second class.

An act authorizing councils of cities of the third class to fill vacancies in the offices of City Controller or City Treasurer.

A joint resolution providing for a special committee to investigate the causes of disputes and difficulties between employer and employed in the coal business.

An act relating to landlords and tenants' dwelling houses belonging to owners or operators of coal mines.

An act prescribing how employes of persons, partnership associations or corporations engaged in mining coal or the manufacture or production of iron or steel shall be paid for their labor and services.

Bills Read in Place.

An act amendatory of the law of libel.

An act to provide for the regulation of mutual insurance companies.

An act to abolish attorney's fees on all judgments under one hundred dollars entered by the warrant of an attorney.

An act regulating the costs in criminal cases.

An act regulating the division of wards in the cities of this Commonwealth.

An act relating to mechanics' liens, authorizing amendments to the same.

A supplementary act relating to the settlement of public accounts, approved April 8th, 1869, authorizing the transfer of accounts from one corporation to another in certain cases.

A supplementary act to repeal an act to permit voters of the State to vote every three years on the question of granting licenses to sell intoxicating liquors, and restrain and regulate the sale of the same, declaring the true intent and meaning thereof with respect to fees paid for licenses under the provisions of said act.

Bills Read the Third Time and Agreed to.

To authorize the Governor to appoint additional notaries public.

An act to protect the children of this Commonwealth in their right to acquire useful trades.

Bills Read the Second Time and Agreed to.

An act authorizing the State Treasurer to pay the necessary expenses of calling out the National Guard of Pennsylvania to assist the civil authorities in the suppression of riots in Luzerne and Schuylkill counties.

An act to provide for transferring the awards of arbitrators.

An act to validate sales and conveyances under the decrees of courts of the Commonwealth by persons irregularly or improperly appointed, or defectively qualified.

An act to permit defendants to testify in criminal cases.

A supplementary act to relieve laborers, workingmen and journeymen from certain prosecutions and indictments for conspiracy under the criminal laws.

An act relating to bail for stay of execution in such places where bail is likely to prove insolvent.

Bills Passed First Reading.

A supplementary act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations, authorizing the formation of wharf companies and corporations, for the encouragement and protection of trade and commerce.

An act to provide for the erection of a poor house and for the support of the poor of the several counties of this Commonwealth.

Adjourned.

Captain Tyson's Commission.

The Governor has issued a commission to Captain Tyson as Sealer of Weights and Measures of Allegheny county.

HOUSE.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Auditor General's Report.

The report of the Auditor General was received.

Bills on Second Reading.

An act to enable assignees for the benefit of creditors to make sale of real estate encumbered by liens, amended so as to allow the publication of the notices of such sales in two papers in each county, one German. Passed.

An act conferring jurisdiction on Courts of Common Pleas in cases of mandamus against State officers. Passed.

Dividing Cities Into Three Classes.

The supplementary act dividing the cities of this State into three classes was opposed by Messrs. HAYES, EBERARD and GUNSTER, and favored by Messrs. BROWN, LONG and MORGAN (Lawrence).

Mr. LONG explained the purpose of the bill, that it was to place Allegheny city in a class by itself, in order to remedy the disadvantage arrangement of the whole system of taxation made by placing Allegheny in a class with other cities. He said it was impossible to draw up a bill that will meet the wants of all classes of cities. This bill comes as near as possible to putting so several cities together in one class.

Recommitted, on motion of Mr. WOLFE, to the Judiciary General Committee, with instructions to report such amendments as they see proper.

The Salaries of Supreme Court Judges.

An act to fix the compensation of the Supreme Court Judges of the Commonwealth.

Mr. MORGAN (Lawrence) moved to amend by making the salary of the Chief Justice $7,500, instead of $8,500, and of Associate Justices $7,000.

Mr. HAYES favored the amendment, and thought it was no time to raise salaries.

Mr. HUB[illegible] spoke at length in favor of increasing the [illegible]ries, and held that no constituency [illegible] upon a representative for [illegible]ary to the Supreme [illegible]

Mr. [illegible] amendment.

Mr. [illegible] spoke in favor of his amendment, and called on the House to pass it or vote down the bill.

Mr. PLUMMER spoke eloquently in opposition to any increase of salary for Judges. He thought the people were degenerated from the early days of the Republic, that it was no time now for any such action, but rather a time for the reduction of taxation.

Mr. SPANG made a clear, able argument against an increase of salary.

The yeas and nays were demanded on Mr. Morgan's amendment, which was carried—yeas 129, nays 42.

Adjourned.

Democratic State Convention Called.

The Democratic State Central Committee met here this afternoon, and agreed to hold a State Convention at Lancaster on March 22d, to select delegates to the National Convention and electors at large.

The Centennial.

Hon. Morton McMichael, ex-Governor Curtin, together with the Centennial State Committee, addressed the members of the Ways and Means, Appropriation and Centennial Committees in the Senate chamber this evening, and asked an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a State Centennial building. K.

FOREIGN ADVICES.

Affairs in the Northern Provinces of Turkey.

Meeting of the Permanent Committee of the French Assembly.

The American Circular on Cuba.

TURKEY.

Affairs in the Northern Provinces.

LONDON, January 20.—The *Times* this morning publishes a letter from Vienna containing the following details in regard to matters in the northern provinces of Turkey: In consequence of the Turkish operations on the Montenegrin frontier, the Prince of Montenegro summoned a council of Senators and military officers, which resolved to the concentration of the Turkish forces on the frontier is to take such proportions as to really carry into effect the reported plan of blockading Montenegro on that side, it will be considered a *casus belli*, and the Prince should appear on all Montenegrin's liable to duty and march into Herzegovina; that in the meantime Montenegro will keep an expectant attitude, and not disturb the peace if the Turkish operations develop nothing more serious than the present situation. This resolution, it seems, was chiefly taken for its moral effect on the Sublime Porte and the Montenegrins. The latter are highly dissatisfied with what they consider the undecided and timid policy of the Prince.

FRANCE.

Election Returns.

PARIS, January 20.—Returns from the Departments of Loire et Meuse, Eure, Charenti, Mauche, Cher, Calvados and Pyrenees Orientals, show Conservative majorities in the election for Senatorial delegates.

Meeting of the Permanent Committee.

VERSAILLES, January 20.—At the sitting of the Permanent Committee of the Assembly to-day the Left complained that prefects were influencing the elections. M. Buffet refused to discuss the subject, alleging that he did not desire to make political capital out of the matter. He maintained the legality of his instructions to prefects in relation to the press, which were to the effect that the licenses of newspaper dealers may be revoked in case legal regulations were not complied with. If the Left disapproved, they could appeal to the Tribunals. The Left protested against the Minister's course, and the matter was dropped. M. Buffet likewise refused to make any explanation in regard to suppression of the banquet to M. Gambetta at Marseilles, or to taking notice of reports that the Government favored a Bonapartist candidate in the Department of Gironde.

SPAIN.

The Cuban Question.

MADRID, January 20.—Respecting the negotiation between Spain and the United States, it is semi-officially pointed out that the Washington Government, not having replied to the Spanish note of December 15, 1875, nor having officially communicated at Madrid the contents of the American circular note to the European powers, all reports of a favorable reply from Spain may be regarded as destitute of foundation.

The Campaign in Navarre.

General Martinez Campes' army is marching against the Carlists in Navarre.

Oyarzun Provisioned.

SAN SEBASTIAN, January 20.—The Alfonsists have thrown supplies of provisions and ammunition into Oyarzun in the face of a heavy fire from the Carlist batteries.

GERMANY.

The Dead-lock in Bavaria.

MUNICH, January 20.—The Bavarian Chamber could not be dissolved as the only means of removing the dead-lock.

The American Circular on Cuba.

LONDON, January 20.—A telegram from Berlin says no Spanish circular note has been received here replying to the American circular concerning Cuba. So far the various powers have made no representations to Spain. The American circular did not contain any declarations liable to affect the friendly relations between Spain and the United States. Its mere acknowledgment by European powers would not induce the United States to take further steps, consequently it is not expected that the incident will lead to any complications.

INDIA.

The Prince of Wales.

CALCUTTA, January 20.—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales arrived at Lahore to-day.

FROM WASHINGTON.

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Alcoholic Liquor Traffic.

The Senate Finance Committee has agreed to report favorably on Senator Howe's bill for the appointment of a commission on the subject of the alcoholic liquor traffic, and to recommend its passage with certain amendments, the most important of which is a requirement that fermented liquors and the manufacture of all kinds of liquor shall be included in the proposed inquiry.

Polygamist Jurors in Polygamy Trials.

Senator Christiancy's bill in regard to jurors in Utah provides that in any trial for bigamy or polygamy it shall be satisfactory cause for the challenge and for the rejection of any juror, first, that he has more than one wife living in said territory, whether married by the ordinary rites or by the so-called sealing ceremony; or, second, that he believes it morally right for a man to live with more than one wife. If the panel is thus exhausted, talismen may be summoned until the required number of jurors shall be obtained.

The Case of Pinchback.

The real obstruction to the admission of Pinchback to the Senate at present is the question whether there is a *de jure* Government in Louisiana. Until this question is settled by the Committee on Privileges and Elections Pinchback will not succeed in obtaining a vote of the Senate. Should Governor Kellogg appoint a new man, the latter would stand in no better position than Pinchback.

The Texas Border.

The Committee on Texas Border Troubles called on Secretary Belknap to-day to ask for cavalry regiments and a sufficient number of infantry to guard the posts on the river. He said he would take the matter into consideration and give them a reply in a few days.

Mob Law in New Mexico.

SANTA FE, N. M., January 20.—Last night a mob destroyed and threw into the river the *News and Press* office of Cimarron. It is believed to have been done by outlaws and fugitives from justice, who have been excited thereto by evil-disposed persons who took an active part against the election of Elkin and the local ticket supporting Elkins, it having resulted that notwithstanding large amounts of money were spent to defeat the Ring county candidate Elkins and the local ticket, all were elected. The wrath of his opponents became very great. It is the prevailing opinion that the murder of Rev. F. J. Tolby happening about this time, the fact was used to incite a mob assembly to arrest and kill his alleged murderers, but really to run the Probate Judge elect and other officers and partisans of his out of the country.

Religious Riot.

DOVER, January 20.—Arthur P. Sevlin lectured last evening on "Romanism in America." After the lecture a crowd followed him, and he fled into a drug store for safety, when bricks were thrown through the windows. The Mayor was compelled to read the riot act. The police finally succeeded in getting Sevlin to the hotel, being compelled to use their revolvers, but no one was injured.

Ohio Valley Unitarian Conference.

CINCINNATI, January 20.—The Ohio Valley Unitarian Conference met in this city yesterday. The call to day was occupied with routine business and committee work. Last evening the Rev. Charles W. Wendte was installed as Professor of the First Unitarian church of this city. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert Collyer, of Chicago.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Condensed Telegrams from All Quarters.

—The Montenegrin Minister of War has returned to Cettinje.

—The Pennsylvania Democratic State Convention will be held at Lancaster on March 22d.

—The reduction made by the House Committee on Appropriations in the Consular and Diplomatic bill amounts to about four hundred thousand dollars.

—Gov. Hayes, of Ohio, has as members of his military staff A. H. Comstock, Assistant Quartermaster General, and Dr. W. H. Mussey as Surgeon General.

—Dr. Linderman, Director of Mints, will probably examine the property at Columbus, Ohio, which F. Michel proposes to donate to the Government for the purposes of a mint.

—A number of witnesses were examined by the defense in the Brownlee case at Indianapolis on Thursday, who gave evidence as to the good standing and character of the defendant.

—The Southern Car Company of Jeffersonville, Ind., has filed a petition in bankrupicy. The amount of assets and liabilities will probably be $500,000, the latter being less than half this amount.

—Sexton, one of the judges of election in the Second precinct of the Twelvth ward of Chicago, at the last county election, has been found guilty of having excluded a Republican challenger from the polls. The penalty for this offense is one year's imprisonment in the county jail. A motion was entered for a new trial.

—Eight persons, residents of a prominent boarding house in Columbus, Ohio, were taken suddenly ill, and at first it was thought they had been poisoned by a malicious servant of the house, but a physician has decided that the strange illness was caused by eating diseased pork. Other persons in that city have recently been seriously ill, their symptoms being similar to those suffering from poisons, and these, too, have been traced to eating fresh pork.

—The argument on the demurrer filed in St. Louis in the McKee case began in the United States Circuit Court in that city yesterday. Judge Krum opened for the defense. Col. Jos. O. Breadhead, the new special counsel for the Government in the place of Gen. Henderson, followed Judge Krum, after which Judge Clover, for the defense, made a short argument. The court then overruled the demurrer, and the trial will proceed to-day. The interest in these whisky cases has revived, and the court room was packed during the argument.

The Christian Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, January 20.—The second day's session of the Christian Convention at the depot opened under the most favorable auspices, the attendance being very large. After prayer Mr. Sankey addressed the convention on "How to Conduct Music in the Lord's Work," stating that it was desirable to have a converted choir and to exclude all operatic music. Rev. Dr. Hall, of New York, discussed "How to Expound the Scriptures," after which the morning session was concluded by Rev. Dr. Vincent, of New York, who spoke on "The Word of God."

Terrible Boiler Explosion.

CINCINNATI, January 20.—A Lagrange (Ind.) dispatch says William Kennedy, Sebastian Goss and Henry Corbett were instantly killed, William Price seriously injured, and a little son of Kennedy dangerously scalded by an explosion today of the boiler in the sawmill of Kennedy & Price, who are among the killed and wounded. The bodies of the men were scalded and burned in a terrible manner.

Fire in a Coal Mine.

WILKESBARRE, PA., January 20.—Yesterday morning a fire broke out in the Lehigh Valley Company's prospect shaft. An explosion of gas followed, causing considerable damage to the mine. Some of the men were severely burned. The mine is being flooded with water.

Maine's Choice for President.

AUGUSTA, Maine, January 20.—In the Augusta legislative caucus to-night delegates and alternates were chosen to the Republican Convention. A resolution was unanimously passed that Hon. James G. Blaine is the choice of the Republicans of Maine for President.

Marine News.

NEW YORK, January 20.—Arrived—The steamer State of Pennsylvania, from Glasgow.

CITY PROPERTY.

A Variety of Matters Before the Committee Yesterday.

The City Property Committee met last night in the City Clerk's office. Mr. McGimpsey, in behalf of the Water Committee, asked that they be given the rooms now occupied by the Board of Health. At the suggestion of Mr. Hunter the matter was deferred until an official request of the character made by Mr. McGimpsey is received from the committee. A resolution offered by Mr. Braun, authorizing the subcommittee on Municipal Hall to purchase such supplies as may be needed, was adopted. It was moved by Mr. Hunter that no supplies should be bought or improvements made to station houses or city property, except upon the agreement of a majority of the members of the committee. That would seem to be a sort of superfluous decision. Bills to the amount of $403.75 were approved and ordered to be paid. Mr. Ray submitted a resolution requesting the Mayor to instruct his police to arrest parties guilty of defacing trees, fences or other city property. It was adopted. The sub-committee on City Hall was instructed to ascertain what it will cost to kalsomine all the offices in the building. John Born was re-elected janitor of Municipal Hall. Wm. Musgrove fireman and Wm. Clawson night watchman. Messrs. Kerr, Kettenburg and Kennedy—K. K. K., ominous letters—were appointed and directed to learn the cost of a national flag, which it is proposed shall shake its folds to the air from the apex of the City Hall tower. Messrs. Kerr, Kettenburg and Neeb were appointed the sub-committee on the Second Avenue Park.

PERSONAL.

***Wm. C. Smythe has been appointed to a clerkship in the Prothonotary's office.

***Rev. Colville, of Altoona, has accepted a call to the McKeesport Baptist church.

***Capt. W. W. Fullwood was palmed off on the people of Harrisburg, at Tuesday's inaugural, as Governor Ames, of Mississippi. "Will" looks like a Governor—of a steam engine.

***Mr. R. S. Waring, the well known oil operator, while alighting from a train yesterday afternoon at the outer depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad, slipped and injured himself quite painfully.

***Brig. Gen. S. J. Given, of Philadelphia, formerly Colonel of the 188th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, will be present in this city next week at the State Encampment of the G. A. R.

***Master J. Alfred Oldshue, son of Dr. L. Oldshue, of this city, delivered the congratulatory address at St. Vincent's College Latrobe, a few days ago, upon the occasion of the natal anniversary of Rev. Hilary Pringle O. S. B. Director of the Institute.

***Charles M. Sweeny, formerly connected with Haven's printing establishment, in this city, died on Wednesday at Salem, Ohio. The funeral takes place this afternoon from the residence of his father-in-law, Mr. Slentz, on Grant avenue, Allegheny.

A South Side Sensation.

A respectable resident of Carson street, on the South Side, was made the victim of a most contemptible practical joke on Tuesday. Until recently a man named Hamilton had been keeping company with his daughter but was recently discarded by her. On Tuesday a box expressed from Cleveland arrived at the residence, and upon being opened a coffin and cross were discovered within.

The coffin was a small affair, neatly made of cherry wood, and provided in the usual manner with a glass plate, through which would be seen the head and face of an imitation baby. On the lid of the miniature burial case is the following inscription, in pencil:

Froze to Death
Jan. 13, 1874.
Age about 9 hours.
Died from Exposure.
Let the little thing rest in Peace.

On the cross, which is a small, neatly made wooden affair, the following is written, also in pencil: "Unhappy Mary who tried to make Hamilton a great deal of trouble; but that is where she made a mistake." There is another sentence or two written on the cross, but they are too obscene for publication. The image is merely a small rag-baby.

Hamilton was arrested during the evening on a warrant issued by Al

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GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 113.

THE Landis trial continues at Bridgeton, the defence accumulating testimony,—good, bad and indifferent,—in favor of the plea of insanity.

MR. HOPKINS is on the Centennial Committee, and Mr. COCHRAN is not. The latter opposes the appropriation with becoming earnestness, while the former favors.

THE Auditor's General's report mentions $6,000 paid to the Vienna Commissioners. We thought there were cards published at the time, to the effect that at least a part of those Commissioners paid their own way. What about this?

THE Emma mine is possessed of a curious experience, after all. ALBERT GRANT has made a statement to the English stockholders, defending his connection with the mine, and declaring it to be a valuable property. The shares have advanced in price, and the belief exists that it may yet prove a profitable mine.

THE Board of Charities gives evidence of a determination to go into the investigation of the Reform School matter with a vigor and thoroughness that will be eminently satisfactory. The work done yesterday indicated the temper of the Board. It is well that the matter has thus been taken in hand so promptly.

AFTER all, there seems to have been something in that statement that Bishop Domenec went to Rome to arrange some matters connected with an episcopal change in his diocese here. A telegram received last night states that a new diocese has been formed of Allegheny, and the Bishop put in charge. It looks as though Catholicism was making a special effort hereabouts.

THE *Leader* very appropriately calls up the record of the *Dispatch* when it did not care for the city printing, and would not do it unless well paid for it. Now it piteously begs for it at a price that no other paper would bid, and urges anxiously its claims, at *nineteen* cents a square. This involves publishing Council proceedings in full, which is equivalent to long local "puffs." Advertisers should make a note of it.

WHILE we are not fully satisfied with the results thus far reached, we are much gratified at the ability and pertinacity with which our representatives urged the claims of this city. JACOB REESE, Senator ANDERSON, and Superintendent LUCKEY were particularly distinguished for the support they gave the measure. Mr. CARSON'S bill, dividing the State into three Industrial School districts was made the basis for the discussion, but Centre county opposed. We do not understand that the bill to have been fully endorsed, but a start was made in the right direction.

WE give, in condensed form a few samples of the demands of Confederates for appropriation of public money in behalf of their friends: REAGAN demands for Texas, $1,536,416.62; WILSON, West Virginia, $300,000; WHITTHORNE, Tennessee, $600,000; DAVIS, Virginia, $65,000; SCALES, North Carolina, $17,000; FAULKNER, West Virginia, $12,000; DURHAM, Kentucky, $10,325; BRIGHT, Tennessee, $10,000; WALSH, Maryland, $300,000; BRIGHT, Tennessee, $58,995; MILLIKEN, $60,527; TERRY, Virginia, $19,695; DE BOLT, $5,000; WELLS, Mississippi, $75,000; BLOUNT, Georgia, $270,000. These are samples, merely, of many others.

THE English press find it hard to easily take to the appointment of Lord LYTTON as the successor of NORTHCOTE, in the viceroyalty of India. He is but forty-four, and while his career has been creditable, it is not sufficiently distinguished to entitle him to so elevated a position. Such are the reasons assigned for a timid and hesitating hostility to the appointment. That it is experimental, in a measure, is admitted; but DISRAELI assumes the responsibility, and there can be no fault found with this. England is unlike the United States in one thing—she is not willing to accept a young man on trust. If he has distinguished himself, per force, this is admitted and recognized. But where he has shown creditably in inferior positions, there is no reason found in this why he should be trusted in important places. Still, DISRAELI has departed from time-worn usage, and is determined to try a comparatively young man in a very important position.

SENATOR MORTON delivered a strong address, in the Senate, in favor of thoroughly investigating the election troubles in Mississippi. That there was outrage, cruelty, and intimidation, all who have carefully watched the progress of affairs in that State must be well convinced. At Vicksburg and other points there was not the slightest concealment of the fact that negroes were murdered for the purpose of intimidating those who were suffered to live. The argument against these specific instances of gross outrage at election times, is that at other times and places; certain gentlemen did *not* witness outrages, but found a fraternal feeling existing among the people. It is not at all difficult to understand how such statements may be true, while at other times and places outrages may have been perpetrated. Senator MORTON has gathered a large amount of evidence direct from the points where the outrages were perpetrated, and his view is that a thorough investigation should be had. Innocent people rarely shrink from investigations.

THE New York *Tribune* sadly missed its mark when it replied to the proposition of Mr. FIELD, a lawyer in New York. FIELD was asked by the *Tribune* who paid him, now that TWEED has run away; to which the lawyer replied that he would frankly tell, if the *Tribune* would say whether or not JAY GOULD supported it. To this the *Tribune* makes the following reply, so ill-tempered as to be evidence that FIELD'S shot had hit: "He is engaged in an immoral business, which no professional privilege can justify; and it is perhaps the consciousness of his position which makes him so ready to fill his mouth with the foul language and venomous inventions of malicious and disgraced outcasts who riot on the outskirts of society and throw filth at the company from which they are excluded. There was a time when Mr. FIELD had more self-respect." As we see it, a lawyer does not require to know that his client is innocent before he defends him. The worst criminal is entitled to a fair defense, and the application of the class or association to which the client belongs, by defending him. But a newspaper that sells its columns, or a portion of them to a speculation, for a term of years, does share in his guilt, if he use them wrongly.

THE House Appropriation Committee seems determined to reduce the cost of our diplomatic service abroad. The Committee has made a reduction of about $300,000, distributed, in part, as follows: For Ministers to England, France, Germany and Russia, each $14,000. ROBERT C. SCHENCK is allowed an additional sum of $2,500 for an amanuensis; Ministers to Spain, Austria, Brazil, Mexico. Japan and China, each $10,000; Minister to Italy, $8,000; Ministers Resident to Portugal, Switzerland, Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, Turkey, Venezuela and the Hawaiian Islands, each $6,500. Chili and Bolivia are consolidated, and the Minister Resident, stationed at such place as the President shall indicate, is to receive $5,500; the Minister Resident to Peru, Ecuador and Colombia, consolidated, is to have $6,500; Minister Resident to the Argentine Republic, Uruguay and Paraguay, consolidated, $6,500; Minister Resident to Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Salvador and Nicaragua, consolidated, $10,000; Minister Resident to Liberia, $4,000. The sum of $20,000, being a reduction of $20,000, is appropriated for Charges d'Affaires and diplomatic officers abroad. Secretaries of Legation at London, Paris, Berlin and St. Petersburg, each to get $2,625; the Secretary of Legation in China, including services as interpreter, gets $3,000; the Secretary of Legation in Japan, inclusive of services as interpreter, $3,000; Secretaries of Legations in Austria, Brazil, Italy, Mexico and Spain, each $1,869; Second Secretaries in Great Britain, France and Germany, each $2,000; Interpreter to Legation in Turkey, $3,000. The contingent expenses of foreign intercourse and of all foreign missions is reduced from $100,000 to $50,000. We are not in a position to judge of the advisability of these reductions, but we know that our consular service is very meanly sustained. If the diplomatic service is desirable at all, it ought to be creditably supported.

WE FIND in the editorial columns of the New York *Tribune* a statement which, had it appeared in a Republican "organ" would have been shouted at as preposterously untrue. We give in its own language, the *Tribune's* accusation and comments: "There men in the South whom no grace of forgiveness could touch, no amnesty soften. They were not great men or brave men; they were the small, mean, and spiteful. We expected nothing of them, but were willing they should nurse their venom and miserably live out their generation. We did not dream, however, that these men or any of them would be put forward as representatives of the Southern people, or that they themselves would have the assurance to ask office at the hands of any political party. Above all we could not suppose that any party would take the responsibility of making them representative by giving them official positions. It seems we were too fast. The Democratic party chooses for the Government places in its gift men whose venom is proof against kindness, who cannot forget to hate, and who in cold blood and with forethought and deliberation glory in the work of murder and give posthumous honor to an assassin." It then proceeds to state that this man named, recently, his child after JOHN WILKES BOOTH, the murderer of Lincoln, as an expression of his admiration for the assassin. "And now, says the *Tribune*, there being such a man, such a patriot, such a citizen, and such a father, where do we find him? Ask Mr. MORRISON, Chairman of Ways and Means, leader of the Democratic party in Congress. He found him and appointed him clerk of his Committee, where he draws pay from the Government he so loyally supports. Mr. MORRISON, neither you nor your Speaker, nor your party, can afford to appoint to office a man who, seven years after Mr. LINCOLN'S murder, christened his own son with the murderer's name." It is at least worth noting that those who dealt liberally with the rebel element, appreciate their brutality, and the patronizing course of the Democracy toward them.

HOMES FOR THE PEOPLE.

We have not had the opportunity to examine into the condition of our Building and Loan associations in this city, but have loosely heard that they were not in what is usually termed a prosperous condition. That is, they have many who have given notice of the purposed withdrawal of their funds, and but few new applicants to take their places. The reasons for this are apparent. The pressure of the times compel all who can to economize, and those who have small amounts in the Building and Loan associations, and who cannot keep up their payments, are compelled to withdraw. Whether our system is better or worse than those of other cities, we do not know—but Philadelphia has of late attained considerable celebrity for the success of her associations. These associations are called Building and Loan associations. The name is misleading in one respect. They are not Building associations in any sense. They are banks without vaults, moneyed concerns without expensive buildings or highly paid officers; and no stockholders, aside from depositors, stand ever ready to devour the lion's share of the profits. There is no great fund of money to tempt the thieving president or his brothers, the burglars. A two hundred dollar safe will hold the companies' assets and books and a slender bank account represents the available capital.

Scribner's Monthly devotes an illustrated article, in its February number, to the system, as it exists in Philadelphia. The manner of carrying forward the business of the institution is, of course similar, everywhere. Monthly payments are made on shares, and loans are auctioned. In this we notice the premiums reached a higher amount than our associations are permitted to charge. Thirty per cent. is the highest range here, while in Philadelphia, we judge there is no limit. Yet the average price paid does not vary greatly from thirty per cent. premium. So far as we can see, the Philadelphia system varies from those in vogue in this city only in the fact that they are divided into classes, which run out at certain intervals. Here the entire class runs a term of years, and there are no sub-divisions. Possibly there is one association in the city of Allegheny conducted on the Philadelphia plan, but this is all. There is not, so far as we can learn, any appreciable advantage in the class arrangement, unless it be that it provides for the continuity of the association.

The average period during which these associations run is from eight to nine years, depending, usually, on the success in selling loans. At first sight it may seem to many extravagant to give thirty per cent. premium on money,—but when it is remembered that the interest charge is but six per cent., the premium when spread over eight years, makes the average rate of interest nine and a half per cent., not an extraordinary rate to pay. The payments, too, are made in regular instalments, at short intervals, and so are not burthensome. The habits of thrift and economy that are developed, under the necessity of providing for these payments, constitute some of the special advantages of the institution. A safe and rapid accumulation of funds, and habits of prudence and care are the most fruitful results of such institutions. In Philadelphia, however, it is claimed that large sections of the city have been built up by the operation of Loan Associations. They are far more numerous there than here, and have been very successful; but not more so than with us. Where wisely conducted, they have proven universally beneficial.

Their minutiae of management is the same, at the East and here. A share entitles the holder to a loan,—on real estate, or the security of a person that the dues will be paid regularly for a given term of years. Or, if a person has paid his or her dues for a given time, and has made no loan, they are entitled to withdraw the sum paid with interest to date. In cases where persons have partially paid for property, the loans thus obtained operate beneficially to the association of the class or association to which the client belongs

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Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

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The cold weather yesterday operated favorably on banking and business interests, and the volume of business was very fair. Inquiry develops that a very hopeful spirit prevails among our business men. Orders are more abundant, and the prices for most of our productions have strengthened a little. The general outlook for the future has decidedly improved, and a better feeling prevails throughout the entire community. The banks are well supplied with funds, and are fully prepared to meet all legitimate demands, including any probable extension of business.

The failure of a lare silk manufacturer in Lyons, France, shows that even in that country, which now promises more gold than any other two nations in the world, the specie basis does not prevent heavy failures, and judging from the present policy of the backs of France, England, and Germany, it is not improbable that other large failures in Europe will follow. The hoarding of specie by these banks has undoubtedly enhanced its value in Europe as compared with the value of merchantable commodities, in the same way that it has increased the price of gold in the country as compared with greenbacks. It is generally acknowledged that nearly all sorts of goods and products are lower now than they have been for fifteen years, and this is due partly to the scarcity of gold as compared to the quantity of marketable commodities. This has caused a depreciation in the value of commodities in Europe, which has been partially reflected in this country, though the great damage it would have done there has been to a considerable extent neutralized by the fact that our greenback currency has prevented the enhancement of debts, and bad as the situation in our Eastern States may seem, it is unquestionably better than it is in England, or in fact, almost anywhere in Europe. The extent to which the hoarding of specie, and the consequent enhancement of its value in the market, may be estimated from the simple facts that at the close of last year the Bank of France owned a total of $325,000,000 in specie. This is a larger sum than was ever before owned by any banking or private institution in the world. At the same time the Bank of England possessed about $110,000,000. The amount of coin held by the continental Governments cannot be definitely stated. Germany is now changing the coinage of the country, and the amount held by private parties and banks is larger than is generally supposed. Austria is also engaged in the same process, though not so far advanced. The other Governments and banking institutions of Europe have also largely increased their specie reserves, and ultimately that of Germany, which will hold by law about $200,000,000.

Robinson Brothers, Bankers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	103	5-20's 1868—coupons	121½
U.S.'s, 1881, coup	121½	10-40's	113½
" 1868, all called	109½	Currency 6's	122½
" 1865, all	116½	New 6 per cents	115½
" 1865 new	118½	10-40's—coupons	113½
5-20's 1867	118½		

RAILWAYS.			
N. Y. Cen.	108½	Ohio & Mississippi	21½
Erie	16	Union Pacific	60½
L. Shore	87	Toledo & Wabash	38
C. C. & I. C.	4½	Harlem	192½
Ft. Paul	36½	Adams Express	60
Do. Pref	73	American Express	60
Michigan Southern	66¼	U. S. Express	61
Do. Guaranteed	92¾	Wells, Fargo & Co. Ex.	92¾
North Western Com	41¾	Quicksilver	17
Do. Pref	59	Fort Wayne	102
Rock Island	93¾	Pacific Mail & Str. Ship	35½
Cleve. & Pitts	91¾	Panama	130
Pacific Mail	27¾	Iron Mountain	19
Western Union Tel.	77½		

Robinson Brothers furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board:

P. R. R. (S)	54¾	Cen. Trans (A)	45¾
Reading (S)	53¾	Minehill	
U. Cos. of N. J. (S)	125¾	A. V. R. R. 7-30 (S)	96
Oil Creek (S)	15¾	P. C. & St. L. 7's (S)	81
Lehigh Valley (S)	62¾		

NEW YORK, January 20, 1876.

Money 5@6; prime mercantile paper 6@8. The customs receipts were $323,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $204,600. The clearings were $31,000,000. Sterling was firm and higher at 485@485½. Gold closed at 113, after advancing, from 112⅝ to 113¾. The rates paid for carrying were 2, 4 and 2 per cent. Government were strong and higher, with a large investment demand. Railroad bonds were firm. State securities were quiet and strong. The stock market was generally lower in early dealings, but after mid-day became firm, and prices advanced in the entire list. During the last hour of business the market was strong and higher, particularly for Western shares. Northwest advanced to 41 1-4 for common and to 59¾ for preferred, closing at the highest point. St. Paul common rose to 39¾ and preferred to 73¾, and Lake Shore to 66 1-4. Pacific Mail was firm at 37¾@37½, Union Pacific at 69¾@70, Western Union at 77¼@77 1-4, and Ohio and Mississippi at 21¾@21 7-8. Wabash rose to 6, and C. C. & I. C. to 5, the closing sales being at a slight reaction. The transactions aggregated 132,000 shares, of which 18,000 were Pacific Mail, 11,000 Western Union, 12,000 Northwest, 12,000 St. Pauls, 35,000 Lake Shore, 24,000 Onios, and 7,000 Wabash.

Government.—U. S. coupons of 1881, 121¾; 5-20s '65, 116¾; do of '65, new, 117¼; do of '67, 120¾; do of '68, 121¾; 10-40s, 117¾; do coupons, 118¾; new 5s, 118¾; currency sixes, 123¾.

State Bonds.—Tennessee, old, 46; do new, 44¾; Virginia new, 37; do old, 38; Missouri 6s, 102¼.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph, 77; Pacific Mail, 37¾; Fargo Express, 92; Adams Express, 103; U. S. Express, 61; American Express, 58¾; New York Central, 108¾; Erie, 15¾; do preferred, 32; Harlem, 133; do preferred, 133; Michigan Central, 61¾; Union Pacific, 69¾; Lake Shore, 66¾; Pittsburgh, 97; Northwestern common, 41¾; do preferred, 61¾; New Jersey Central, 105; Rock Island, 106¾; St. Paul, 39¾; do preferred, 74; Toledo & Wabash, 10½; do preferred, 106; Fort Wayne, 100½; Terre Haute, 4; do preferred, 19; Chicago & Alton, 102¾; do preferred, 107; Ohio & Mississippi, 21¾; Indiana Central, 4¾; Burlington & Quincy, 151; Hannibal & St. Joseph, 20¾; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph, 18¾; Delaware & Lackawanna, 119¾; Central Pacific, 104¾; Union, 105; Union grants, 105; Mariposa, 8; Panama, 130; Missouri Pacific, 11¾; Atlantic & Pacific preferred, 104¾.

LONDON, January 20—5 P. M.—The bullion in the Bank of England increased £387,000 the past week. The proportion of bank reserve to liability is 39¾ per cent. Consols: money 93 3-16; account, 93 15-16; 5-20s of '65, 106¾; do '67, 106¾; 10-40s, 107; new 5s, 104¾.

PARIS, January 20—5 P. M.—Rentes, 66f 25c. The specie in the Bank of France increased 3,161,000 francs in the past week.

FRANKFORT, January 20.—U. S. new 5s, 100.

A New Agitation in the Iron Trade.

A Wolverhampton correspondent writes under date of September 30: "All classes of pig iron were to-day very strong. There was a steady inquiry for good foreign samples, which brought half a crown per ton more than last quarter-day. Coal is to 2s dearer than at quarter-day. The market was much disquieted by a new agitation by the miners for a rise of 8d and 1s per day. Rumors were afloat that some iron masters would attempt to advance finished iron next quarter-day, and consumers assert that this would be a great blow to trade. Current quotations are firmly demanded, and their unprofitableness much complained of.

Receipts of Blooms, Ore, Pig Metal and Scrap Iron.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R.

Byers McC & Co.m	1
PENNSYLVANIA R. R.	
Nimick & Co.....19 R. Wister m.....	2
W. J. Hammond s	2
Total	14

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD.

Lewis O. m P.m... 8	Isabella Fur. o.....10
Nimick & Co.m... 9	Byers McC & Co m 8
Total	30

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.

Schoonmaker o.... 3	Shoenberger & Co o 1
Imbrie " 1	" " 8
W. C " Co. o.. 1	Lewis O. & P m.. 1

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

DAILY REPORT OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, }
THURSDAY, January 20, 1876. }

There is nothing new or important to report in regard to general business, which continues very dull, but it is confidently expected that there will be a revival within the next week or two, and the general outlook is regarded as being more encouraging.

APPLES—Dealers continue to report the the market as being very unfatisfactory, that, in consequence of the recent soft weather, a large per centage of the supply is rotting, and holders are obliged to realize as rapidly as possible, to the best advantage. Sales are being made at from $1,50 to $3,50 per barrel, according to quality and condition.

APPLE BUTTER—65a70 per gallon.

BUTTER—The market is still overstocked with common and medium, for which the demand is light; however, there appears to be rather more inquiry for strictly prime table Butter—if anything, prices for this particular kind are a shade better, and the supply is small. Prime to choice rolls, 24a26c; medium to fair, 18a22c; common, 12a15c. Our advices from New York, under date of the 18th, report that market a good deal like our own—an increased demand for strictly prime, while there was an oversupply of common. Prime to choice western quoted at 23a26c.

BEANS—Continue dull with a good supply, but prices have undergone no recent change; Mediums, $1,15a1,20; Navies, $1,25 a1,30.

CHEESE—There is rather more doing and a better feeling, but no improvement in prices; we continue to quote in a jobbing way at 13¼a14c for prime Ohio and 14a14½c for New York. New York advices, under date of 18th, report as follows:—"Free shipments of Cheese cause a somewhat firmer feeling, though no advance can be quoted. It is noticeable that shippers are taking lines at prices which they were unwilling to pay a fortnight ago. We note 800 fine factory sold to ship at 13c. Of the October make in Cloverfield Factory, Wyoming, Co., 4,000 boxes has just been sold at 12¾c at the factory. The cheese are understood to be fine. A lot of early Ohio sold at 10¾c, with some limed, fine, at 12c. Small sales of fancy State are being made at 13¾c.

CRANBERIES—$12a13 per bbl.

DRESSED HOGS—8a8¾c.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples in fair request at former quotations—10a11c, and holders are still confident that all will be wanted the coming season. Arrivals light and the same may be said of stock. Dried Peaches in light demand—still the season has not yet fairly opened, and holders look for an improved demand; stocks and receipts, very light. Sales—13a13½c for Halves; 12a12½c for choice mixed.

EGGS—The market continues dull, and overstocked, and prices are weak and drooping. Fresh, guaranteed as such, 23a 24c. Advices from New York, under date of the 18th, report that market, like our own, overstocked, and somewhat demoralized. Pickeled, in the consequence of low prices of fresh, are very much neglected, and would be hard to move at any price.

FLOUR—The market for this important staple has undergone no change for some time; good standard brands, of either winter or spring, are still holding their own, but outside brands, especially of winter wheat, of which large offerings are liberal, are hard to dispose of, except at very low prices. We continue to quote standard flours, in a jobbing way, at previous quotation; Spring wheat flours, $6,25a6,50 for Wisconsins, and $6,50a6,75 for Minnesotas; winters, $6,25a6,50 for new and $6,76a7 for choice old. Rye Flour, $5a5,25 per barrel. Buckwheat Flour, 2½a3c per lb.

GROCERIES—Coffee remains unchanged but firm, and the demand is only moderate. The stock of Rio in first hands at all the ports in the United States on January 18th was 281,663 bags; afloat and loading, 191,319 bags; purchases since the 15th inst., 84,000 bags—making a total visible supply of 556,982 bags. Counting at what it would cost to buy and ship now, our jobbers are selling roasted Rio, packed in boxes, at a loss of at least three-fourths of a cent per pound. Java in large supply and lower. Sugars firm. A. Thomson & Company, New Orleans, say, to one of their correspondent, here, that the receipts of Molasses to January 17th were 170,815 bbls, against 180,561 same time last year; and that during last season 228,000 barrels, in all, were received at that port. Should the present crop not exceed that of last year, which is the prevailing opinion, (Thompson & Co say), it only leaves 55,000 bbls to come forward. The Sugar crop will reach 150,000 hhds, leaving a large quantity still unmarketed. Prime to choice Molasses scarce and firmly held. Sugar easy. Louisiana Rice steady at low figures. Carolina, held firmer.

SUGARS.			
Cut Loaf	12¾	Standard B	10⅜
Crushed	11⅞	Standard Ex C	10¼
Granulated	11⅜	Standard C	10
Powdered	11¾	N. O. new crop	8¾@9
Standard A	10⅝		

COFFEE.			
Fancy Rio	28	R. Rio, ltpkgs	27¾
Prime Rio	24½@25	R. Rio, loose	27¾
Good Rio	23 @25	Roasted Java	30
Old Gov. Java	34		

RICE.			
Carolina	8	Rangoon	7

SYRUPS.			
Choice	70 @75	Fair	55 @60
Prime	65 @70	Common	45 @50

MOLASSES.			
N. O. choice	63	N. O. strictly prime	60
N. O. prime	58	Demarara	65@70

GRAIN—Trade in grain circles continues light, but dealers expect an early improvement; at present, however, the demand is confined almost entirely to supplying immediate necessities, while as regards values there have been no important changes for several weeks. There is a fair demand for prime Wheat, of which the offerings are light, but spotty is offering pretty freely, and there is little or no demand for it. Prime to choice is sill quoted at $1,25a1,33 for Ohio, Penna. and Indiana red; ditto northwestern red, $1,35a1,37; Ohio white or no demand for white Wheat, and it is bringing but little more than red. The receipts of Oats continue light, but the supply is fully up to the demand, and prices remain about as quoted for several days past; Penna. and Ohio mixed, 40a41c; ditto white, 42a43c; prime western white, 43a44c. The market for Corn is reported easier, with a light demand and increasing receipts, but prices are still maintained; prime yellow new shelled, on track, 51a52c; prime mixed ditto, 50c; new ear quoted at 50a52c, on track, for prime dry yellow. Soft Corn—either shelled or ear—still at 45a48 cents. Rye unchanged at 80a82c. Nothing doing in Barley.

HOMINY—We note a steady demand at $4 per bbl in round lots and $4,25 in a small way.

HAY—The market for baled continues quiet and unchanged; upland prairie, $13a 14; and timothy, $16a19, according to quality and condition.

MILL FEED—The receipts for some days past have been comparatively light, but there is no improvement to report in the demand; Bran, $13a14 per ton; Middlings and Chopped Feed, $20a22.

ONIONS—$1,25a1,50 per bbl.

POTATOES. The market continues dull, and for carload lots prices are weaker; quotable at 35a38c per bushel for Peach Blows; selling in a jobbing way, from store, at 43a 45 cents.

PROVISIONS—The general tone of the market continues easy, the demand is only fair, but prices remain unchanged.

Hams—Extra S. C.		Do. half barrels	14
per lb	14½	Lard, Ref. for summer use, in tierces	
Shoulders, Ex. S. C.	10¾	per lb	14¾
Sugar Cured Hams	14¾	Do. in buckets	15¾
Dried Beef, Ex. Sugar	14¾	Do. 5 lb cadies	16¾
Beef Tongues, S. C. per doz	6.75	Do. 5 lb do	16¾
Bacon Shoulders	10	Do. 2 lb pails	17¾
Ribs Sides	13¾	Do. 1 lb do	17¾
Short Rib do	13¾	Ham Sausage	
Clear Sides	13¾	Carbon Oil	14
Mess Pork, per bbl	21.00	Cheese	14
Family Mess Pork	21.00	Pig's Feet, in kegs	2.20
Short Cut	21.00	Do. do. bbls	6.00
Lard, Prime Leaf in tierces, per lb	13¾	Do. do. bbls	9.00

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens, 13a14c per lb; live ditto, 50a60c per pair; dressed Turkeys, 16a17c.

RAGS—Steady at 3c per pound for good country mixed.

TALLOW—Chandlers Tallow, city rendered, 9¾a10c; country do., 8½a9c.

DRUG AND OIL MARKET.

PITTSBURGH DRUG MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, }
THURSDAY, Jan. 20, 1876. }

Corrected by HARRIS & EWING, Wholesale Druggists, corner Liberty and Tenth streets.

Acac., sorts	20a 30 lb	Oil, Anise	$4.00a4.20 lb
2d sorts	15a 40 lb	Bergam.	5.25a5.75 lb
1st select.	40a 50 lb	Cassia	2.00@2.20 lb
Acid. Citric.	1.05a1.12 lb	Castor	1.45@1.50 lb
Oxalic	17a 20 lb	Lemon	4.25a4.50 lb
Tartaric	54a 59 lb	Linseed R	62@67 gal
Alcohol	2.24a2.40 gal	Linseed S	67@72 gal
Alum, cajar	1½a 2c lb	Neatsfoot	90a1.35 gal
A Barb	40a 50 lb	Olive	1.25a2.00doz
Accot		Qts	2.75a3.50doz
Alum	2¾a 4¾ lb	" Pts	1.75a2.50doz
Amm., Aq.	8a 12 lb	Orange	3.50a4.00 lb
Carb.	20a 22 lb	Origanum	70a1.00 lb
Arnica, Flor	20a 22 lb	Pennyroyl	2.25 lb
Assafœtida	25a 30 lb	Peppermt	5.00a5.50 lb
Balm, Copaib	95a1.00 lb	Sassafras	85@90 lb
Canada	62a 68 lb	Wintergn	4.00a21.8 lb
Bay Rum	2.75a4.00 gal	Pot, Bi Carb	35 lb
Bals. Peru, car	2.75a3.00 lb	Bi Chrom	23a24 lb
Sub nit	2.00a2.25 lb	Bromide	65a 75 lb
Blue Mass	73 lb	Chlorate	33a 40 lb
Vitriol	11a 12 lb	Iodid	2.90a3.15 lb
Borax, refrd	15a 18 lb	Quinine	2.30@2.40 oz
Brim., Roll	4a 8¾ lb	Root, Gent.	8 a12 lb
Flor. sulp.	2a 3 lb	Rhu, E. I.	1.40 lb
Buchu	16a 25 lb	Gin. Jam.	28a30 lb
Calomel	1.30 lb	Ipecac P.	1.85 lb
Camphor ref	31a 35 lb	Jalap	85 lb
Camwood	8a 9 lb	Rhubarb	1.60a1.50 lb
Cantharides	1.50 lb	Do Pow	1.60a1.50 lb
Rom	25 lb	Sar. Hond	38 lb
Chloral Hyd	2.50 lb	Sar. Mex.	28 lb
Cinchona	1.00a1.20 lb	Senega	30 lb
Cincho. Pale	70a 80 lb	Spigelia	38 lb
Red	1.20a1.30 lb	Val. Eng.	45 lb
Yellow	25a 40 lb	" Ger.	25 lb
Cochineal	68a 75 lb	Saffron Am.	60a1.00 lb
Copperas	2a 3 lb	Sal Ammon	15a 18 lb
Cream Tart	40a 45 lb	Epsom	3a 4 lb
Cubebs	15a 20 lb	Glauber	2¾a 4 lb
Dovers Pod'r	1.65a1.75 lb	Rochelle	32 lb
Elecampane	17a 20 lb	Soda	2a 3¾ lb
Ether, Nit.	45a 48 lb	Seed, Can'y	17a 18 lb
Sul.	75 lb	Cardam	1.50 lb
Ext. Logw'd	12¾a14 lb	Hemp	7¾a 8 lb
Liqu. Cal.	32a 45 lb	Mustard	8a 10
Sicil	28a 30 lb	Senna, Alex	22a 25 lb
Fustic	14a 16 lb	" E. I.	17a 25 lb
Glycer. Pure	20a 30 lb	Tinney	12a 20 lb
Grd.	60 lb	Shellac	57a 70 lb
Indigo, Man	1.00a1.20 lb	Soap, Castile	13a 14 lb
S. F.	1.10a1.25 lb	White	12a 13 lb
Iodine	4.00a4.25 lb	Soda Ash	4a 5 lb
Iodoform	48 oz	Bi Carb	4a 5 lb
Juniper Ber	7a 8 lb	Strych. Crys	2.45a2.60 oz
Logwood	2¾a 3¾ lb	Sulph. Quin	2.25 oz
Madder	12a 17 lb	Sugar Lead	24a 28 lb
Magnes, Cal	80a1.00 lb	Turpen. spts	47a 52 gal
Carb	80a 85 lb	Vac. Cream	1.25a1.40 gal
Manna, Flo	55 lb	Copal	1.25a1.60 gal
Morph. Sul.	4.40a4.60oz	Damar	1.00a1.10 gal
Nux. Vomica	10 lb	Demar	1.00a1.10 gal
Opium	6.85a7.00 lb	Varnish	1.25a1.50 gal

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, }
THURSDAY, January 20, 1876. }

Following is a statement of the arrivals each day during the week, as well as the aggregate, and to afford a comparison, we append the aggregate receipts of the preding week:

ARRIVALS.

Cattle.

	Through.	Local.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Friday	23 cars.	14 cars.	38 cars.	4 car.
Saturday	24 "	10 "	20 "	4 "
Sunday	48 "	30 "	28 "	5 "
Monday	— "	66 "	13 "	8 "
Tuesday	— "	84 "	38 "	34 "
Wed'day	12 "	40 "	14 "	8 "
Thursday	14 "	22 "	24 "	17 "
Total	101 "	266 "	185 "	81 "
Total last week	114 "	168 "	275 "	92 "

CATTLE.

As will be seen, there were just exactly one hundred more cars on sale than during the preceding week, and, with such a large ly increased supply and a very unfavorable report from New York, the market has been an exceedingly hard one; it was generally expected that the sharp advance in prices last week would increase the receipts this week, and that a reaction would probable be the result, but the run was much larger and the decline much greater than any one thought of. The better grades were quoted down a ¼c to ¾c, and common to medium, 40a50c; Bulls dropped ¾ to ⅞c. As compared with last week, the reduction in prices was equal to $30a50 per car, and it is evident, therefore, that sellers generally lost money.

In addition to what changed hands—3,100 head, there were some 35 or 40 cars shipped on in first hands, owners being unable or unwilling to sell, and the shipments from here eastward will be considerably larger than last week. Philadelphia buyers are reported as buying 85 cars this week, against 110 cars last week; New York, 40 cars, against 14 cars last week, and country dealers and local buyers 60 cars, against 61 cars preceding week. As there were, as already intimated, quite a number shipped on in first hands, whereas, the number last week was very small. In addition to the large ly increased supply, the soft weather, which prevailed up until the close of Wednesday, had a very depressing influence, curtailing the demand, and, besides, buyers were to take advantage when there is an oversupply from the market to the very best of their ability.

Prime to choice shipping steers, quotable at 6a6½; medium to good, 5a5¾; fair, 4a 4½; Bulls, 3a4c. There was little or no demand for stock cattle, and it is not to be expected at this particular time.

HOGS.

From and including Monday up until Thursday the market was very dull and unsatisfactory, and prices ruled lower each succeeding day; it is true, as will be seen, the run was considerably less than during the same time last week, but in consequence of the warm, wet weather, the demand fell off fully as much, if not more, than the receipts, hence the supply was considerably in excess of the demand. Last evening a firmer feeling was developed, as a change in the weather was reduced almost to a certainty, and, to-day, with an increased demand the pens were pretty well cleaned out, and, too, at an advance of from 10 to 15c per cwt. Reports from Chicago and other points in the west reported trade more active, the cool weather having caused packers to take hold more freely, and these favorable advices were not without their effect in stimulating our market. Philadelphia hogs quotable at 7,30a7,50 for fair to prime, and Yorkers at 6,90a7,15.

SHEEP.

The market for this class of stock did not differ much from that of last week, but had it not been for a decreased supply, there is reason to believe that it would have been worse, as the advices from the east, especially New York, were not very encouraging. Salesmen generally reported trade as lasting been a little tame, without, however, any quotable decline in prices. Extra 100a 120 lb. sheep, 6a6,50; prime 90a95 lbs., 5,50a 5,75; good 80a85 lbs., 5a5¼; fair 70a75 lbs., 4,50a4,75; common, same weight, 3,75a4; Indianas, according to weight and quality, 4a 6c.

IMPORTANT, IF TRUE.

It is said that the shippers of cattle from Chicago have been placed on an equal footing so far as freights are concerned; that the special and very low contract rates exclusively given for some time past to Messrs. Eastman, Monroe, Morris, Walker & Co. and S. W. Allerton have been discontinued, and that schedule rates, or 60c. per 100 lbs to New York, are to be charged on all live stock transported from Chicago. Further, that the four trunk lines viz: The New York Central, Pennsylvania Central, Erie and Baltimore and Ohio, have agreed upon the share of stock each is entitled to carry, and that the shipments from Chicago will correspond with this agreement.

EXPORTING DRESSED BEEF FROM NEW YORK TO LONDON.

The London correspondent of the Liverpool Courier writes as follows relative to the dressed beef trade between New York and London: "The experiment of shipping butchers' meat in a fresh state from New York to London is reported on very favorably. Nearly 100 tons meat have been sent in two cargoes from New York to Liverpool and one by rail to London within the last month, and found a ready sale in the Smithfield dead-meat market at prices averaging 6d per lb wholesale. The mode of preserving the meat in transit is at present the secret of its inventor, but it is said to require special build of ship, that the meat is placed in racks, a fan in each tank being kept in action by steam power, while a layer of ice outside the tanks keeps the temperature low. Nothing of a preservative character seems to come in contact with the meat, which, on reaching market, is sold in quarters like fresh meat in all respects."

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, }
THURSDAY, January 20, 1876. }

The market for Crude was firm again today, and prices have still further advanced, as compared with Wednesday; immediate shipment, $2,02½a2,05; Conduit certificates held at $1,80; barge oil, $2,12 1-2a2,15 delivered here. Refined also firmer and higher, with considerable inquiry and no sellers at quoted rates; 10¾a10¾c on cars here, and 13¾a14c for Philadelphia delivery.

The transportation question is the all absorbing theme of discussion in refining circles, and as upon it hinges the future life or death of the business in Pittsburgh, it is not surprising.

The Barrel market is steady, with sales of city make at $1,30; countries quoted at $1,15 a1,20.

CRUDE OIL RECEIVED PER ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R.

Shipper.	Consigne.	Bbls.
W. T. Boud	Elkins & F	74
G. M. Robinson	Lloyd Refinery	400
W. T. Bond	H. C. Vantine	464
Total		618

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, January 20, 1876.

FLOUR—Firm and unchanged.

GRAIN—Wheat quiet; No. 1 Chicago spring $1,10; No. 2 $1,00¾a1,00¾ spot, sales at 97¾a99 1-4c seller February; closed at 98½c seller February; 98¾c seller March $1,05 seller May; No. 3 80a80 1-2c; rejected 66c. Corn quiet and firm; No. 2 43 1-4c seller spot; 42 1-4c seller February; 46 1-4c seller May; these prices bid. Oats quiet and firm; No. 2 30¾c spot; 30 3-4c bid seller February. Barley quiet; 81c spot. Rye dull at 68c.

PROVISIONS—Pork quiet and firm; $19,15 spot; $19,25 seller February; $19,55 seller April. Lard dull; $12,22 spot; $12,20a12,22 1-2 seller February; $12,37 1-2 seller March. Bulk meats: demand good at full prices; 7a10 1-2a10¾c.

WHISKY—Demand fair and market firm at $1,06.

On Call Board wheat was active and higher; 99¼a99¾c February; 99¾c March. Corn firmer; 43¾a43 1-2c January; 42¾a 42 1-2c February. Oats unchanged. Pork quiet; $19,10a19,17 1-2 January; $19,27 1-2a 19,50 February. Lard unchanged.

New York.

NEW YORK, January 20.—Flour firm; receipts 8,000 bbls; super western and State $4,25a4,65; common to good $4,90a5,35; good to choice $5,40a5,75; extra Ohio $4,90a5,25; St. Louis $5,20a9,00. Rye flour quiet and unchanged. Cornmeal quiet at $3,60a3,30. Wheat slightly in buyers' favor; limited export demand; receipts 70,000 bush; No. 1 spring $1,32a1,40; No. 3 nominally $1,05a 1,06; white Michigan $1,45a1,50; Canada spring in bond $1,35. Rye firm and unchanged. Barley quiet; fair Canada $1,60. Malt quiet. Corn steady; receipts 39,000 bush; mixed and merchantable 54c; western mixed old afloat 70c; white western 46a52c. Oats steady; receipts 120,000 bush; western mixed State 43c; white western 46a62c. Hay firm; shipping 85c. Hops firm; eastern and western 10a15c. Coffee firm. Sugar firm; fair to good refg. 8a8¾c; prime 8¾c. Molasses and rice quiet. Petroleum steady; crude 8½; refined 14¼@14½c; cases 18a 20c; naphtha 83a9 1-2c. Tallow heavy; 9¼ a9¾c. Rosin firm. Turpentine quiet; 37a 39c. Eggs heavy; western 20a23c. Pork quiet; $20,75a20,80. Hogs steady; 8¾a8¾c. Beef unchanged. Cut meats western quiet; middles dull; long clear 10¾a11c. Lard heavy; prime steam 12 13-16c. Butter firm; western 16a25c; State 20a31c. Cheese firm, 6a12 1-2c. Whisky quiet; $1,10 1-2a1,11.

Baltimore.

BATIMORE, January 20.—Flour steady and unchanged. Wheat scarce and firm; No. 2 western red $1,35a1,38; Pennsylvania red $1,38a1,40. Corn firmer; western mixed new 61½a61¾c. Oats nominally firm; western white 48a50c; do mixed, 45a47c. Rye dull at 80a85c. Hay unchanged. Provisions quiet and steady. Pork: new $21a 21,50. Bulk meats: shoulders 7¾a8c; clear rib 10¾a11c for loose; packed 8¾a11¾c. Bacon: shoulders 9¼a9¾c; clear rib 13¼a 12¾c. Hams 15¼a16c. Lard dull but steady; crude 12¾a13c; refined 13¾a13¾c. Butter unchanged. Petroleum easier; not quotably lower. Coffee steady, firm and unchanged. Whisky dull at $1,11.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, January 20.—Clover seed $12,25a12,50. Flax seed $1,65. Flour in moderate request and prices unchanged. Wheat firm; Pennsylvania red $1,36a1,40; amber $1,41a1,43; white 1,52¼a1,55. Rye 88c. Corn: prime in demand; damp neglected; yellow 56a61c; white 58a60c. Oats dull; white 44a49c. Butter steady. New York and Bradford county extra 28a33c; western 25a29c. Cheese firm; New York 13¾a13¾c; western fine ¾a13c.

New York

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RIVER NEWS.

Stage of the Rivers, Movements of Steamboats, &c.

OFFICE OF OBSERVATION, SIGNAL SERVICE, U. S. ARMY.—DAILY REPORT OF THE STAGE OF WATER, WITH CHANGES IN THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT 7 P. M.

Pittsburgh, January 20, 1876.

Stations.	Above low water—ft.	Change in 24 hours—ft.	Dir'n of Wind.	State of Weather.
Cairo, Ill	28	↑2	W	Clear.
Cincinnati, Ohio	28	11	W	Fair.
Davenport, Iowa	2	—5	NE	Cloudy.
Dubuque, Iowa	5	12	NW	Fair.
Keokuk, Iowa	4	11	NE	Cloudy.
Leavenworth, Kas.	6	—6	W	Cloudy.
Louisville	13	9	↑1	Fair.
Memphis, Tenn	21	11	—6	SE	Clear.
Nashville, Tenn.	30	2	↑2	SE	Clear.
Pittsburgh, Pa	12	9	↑7	W	Cloudy.
Shreveport	22	10	—2	W	Fair.
St. Louis, Mo	8	4	—8	SE	Cloudy.
Vicksburg, Miss.	39	10	—5	S	Clear.

L. A. WELSH,
Sergeant, Signal Service, U. S. A.

THE stage of water last evening was 12 feet 9 inches, and falling slowly. Clear and cool; business continues dull—freights for all points are offering very sparingly.

THE Granite State from Portsmouth arrived.

THE Exchange, from Cincinnati, is due here to-day.

THE Market Boy from Wheeling arrived and departed.

THE A. J. Baker had not been launched up to Tuesday.

CAPT. I. R. WHITTAKER, arrived from Cincinnati yesterday.

THE Fearless is undergoing repairs, and is not likely to get out on this water.

THE Monongahela was reported stationary at Brownsville yesterday, and the Allegheny falling at Oil City.

As will be seen by card, the fine steamer John L. Rhoads, Capt. Vandergrift, is announced for St. Louis forthwith.

The Rhoads would have made her trip to New Orleans in four days, but for the fog and ice; she was detained 42 hours at one place by fog.

THE Baltic and Alice Brown departed yesterday with a tow of coal, and the Hornet No. 2 depart on Saturday or Sunday if the water holds out.

A MEMPHIS dispatch, under date of the 18th, says: The Dean passed the towboat John A. Wood, with one of her loaded coal barges in a sinking condition; opposite Chicot. The Wood had been working for about twenty-four hours trying to save it. The S. Warne and Smoky City were met all right.

In the Supreme Court at Springfield, Ill., the case of the Keokuk Northern Line Packet Company vs. the city of Quincy was argued on Friday. This case involves the right of the city to collect wharfage from steamboats landing there. The cases are believed to involve the fundamental principles of this question, and it is thought that the decision, when it comes, will be final as to the whole matter.

CAPTAINS Bofinger and Gould, of St. Louis, are in Washington, urging their ideas as to river improvement. According to a correspondent, their idea is for the President to appoint a Commission of seven, three engineers from the army, one from the coast, and one from civil life, with a Mississippi river pilot and steamboat captain, which Commission would have entire charge of the planning and execution of all the river improvements, so that there may be conformity in the work.

THE Iron Mountain Company's Works, located at the Iron Mountain, St. Francis County, Missouri, is extensively engaged in iron mining and smelting. One thousand men and boys find employment, whose wages average $1,25 per day, at 300 working days, or $375,000 annual wages amounting to $373,000. As many as one thousand men and boys have been engaged at one time in getting out ore. The demand prior to the great collapse of 1873 for the ore for shipment and to supply the requirements at the Mountain, Irondale and South St. Louis furnaces, was large. At present the production of ore does not exceed fifty-five cars daily. Eugene Plaut, who died a few days

HOME NEWS.

The probabilities are that the weather to-day will be decidedly colder, and clear or fair, with northerly to easterly winds, and rising barometer.

Verdict in the Kerwin Case.

The Coroner's jury after examining the ground yesterday in the neighborhood where Kerwin was injured, returned a verdict that he came to his death from the splinter in his neck, the injury being done on the night of the 10th inst., but how the splinter came in his neck they could not say, nor being altogether satisfied on that point.

Heinz, Noble & Co.—Meeting of Creditors.

At the meeting of the creditors of Heinz, Noble & Co. held yesterday before Register Shafer, the debtors offered a composition of twenty cents on the dollar, ten per cent. payable April 15, 1876, and the other ten per cent payable July 1st, 1876. The proposition was rejected, and the meeting proceeded to election by assignee, which resulted in the choice of John R. Wightman, Esq., Pittsburgh, Pa., and John M. Southworth, of Woodstock, Illinois, who accept the trust.

Obituary.

There will be many of our readers this morning who will regret to learn of the death of Mr. J. C. Mattern, which occurred at his late residence on Third avenue, last evening. The deceased had been in ill-health for some time past, and his demise was, therefore, not unexpected. He was a man who was widely and favorably known in our community. At one time he held a position in City Councils, and also filled other public positions with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He has been engaged in the drug business for many years, and as a business man was esteemed for his integrity. In social life he was affable and courteous to all, and made many friends. He was a worthy man, and his memory will be revered.

The Allegheny Printing.

The Printing Committee of the Allegheny Councils met last evening, Mr. James Wilson presiding. The contract for printing the annual report, ordinance and furnishing stationary, &c., was awarded to Messrs. Ogden & Vance, they being the lowest bidders.

The Clerk was instructed to purchase a map of Allegheny county, which is now being prepared by a Philadelphia firm.

The bids for doing the newspaper advertising were then opened. The bid submitted by the *Freiheits Freund* was the only one for the German printing. The *Gazette, Dispatch, Chronicle, Mail* and *Post* submitted bids for the English printing. The bids must be submitted to Councils, it was agreed to not allow the bids to be made public until the meeting of Councils.

State Polytechnic Schools.

The Commission appointed on the establishment of a Mechanics High School met at Harrisburg on Wednesday, in conjunction with the Committees on Education of the Senate and House, and after a lengthy debate adopted resolutions providing for a withdrawal of the bill now before the Legislature, and which passed the House last winter, appropriating $5,000 to those institutions in the State for Professorships of Technology; recommending the Legislature to pass a law making Free-hand and Line Drawing obligatory in all the public schools; recommending an appropriation of $50,000 to further technical education in the high schools of the State, and requesting the Legislature to receive with favor any plan which may be proposed for the establishment of Polytechnic Schools in the different manufacturing centers of the State.

The Union Normal Class.

Another interesting session of the Union Normal class of Sunday School workers was held last evening in the parlor of the Y. M. C. Association, Sidney Omohundro, Esq., presiding, with Miss Mary Mitchell as Secretary. The usual exercises, conducted by Prof. T. Jeff. Duncan. The topic for the lesson drill was methods of illustrating and questioning, and was interestingly and ably developed by J. H. Baldwin, Esq., the appointed normal instructor. Profitable observations were also made by Prof. T. Jeff. Duncan and Thos. J. Gillespie, Esq.

At this time for holding the meetings of the class, was changed to the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month in place of Thursday evenings, as heretofore, and the place of holding the meetings was changed from the parlor of the Y. M. C. A. Association to the lecture room of some centrally located church, to be fixed by the Board of Managers.

THE LAST LECTURE.

The Close of the Scientific Course at the High School.

A fine audience, both as regards numbers and intelligence, gathered in High School Hall last evening to hear the second lecture of Dr. Jillson on "Sympathetic Vibrations; the Voice and the Ear." Owing to the sudden failure of the gas, there was a slight delay at the commencement, but shortly after eight o'clock Dr. Jillson began to speak. In this lecture nearly all the experiments were addressed to the eye, rather than to the ear, and were of such a character that a deaf man could see the harmony. The Doctor explained the appearance of the sound waves in the air, and showed how these waves are measured by an ingenious and delicate little instrument called the syren, which he explained and used. He then took up the subject of sympathetic vibrations. "Every one has seen these vibrations, though they may not have been able to explain their cause. The waving of a curtain, the trembling of a piece of paper, the vibration of a gas flame, the shaking of a window pane, are responses to a certain note, are illustrations of sympathetic vibrations. I have often noticed a certain pane of glass in a window on the south side of the old Trinity Church which always vibrated in response to a particular note of the organ.

In my sleeping room is a square of glass which always sounds when a locomotive is blowing off steam on the railroad track a quarter of a mile distant. It has often awakened me by its clatter. When the safety-valve opened and the steam escaped, it would sound and continue till the noise of the blowing steam ceased. When the valve again opened, the youthful monitor would again be heard.

Quite a number of experiments were made, showing the wonderful effects of sympathetic vibrations. In this manner tuning forks were set in motion and strings caused to vibrate. A glass tube was made to sing at the distance of several feet by the voice pitched to the proper note. A gas flame fourteen inches in height was made to dance to the particular sounds of the voice, though the operator stood at the farther end of the hall, and a music boy playing on the stage caused it to keep exact time to all its movements. The voice or the organ of the voice were illustrated by large models and diagrams on the screen.

This lecture was the second delivered by Dr. Jillson, and the last in the course. Taken altogether, the course has been a success, and if a new one is decided upon, judging from the interest now awakened, it will be even more liberally sustained. The managers deserve the thanks of the public for the efforts they have made to supply what has long been felt as a want in the lecture field, so far as this locality is concerned,—that is scientific lectures which shall combine instruction and entertainment, and deal with the scientific thought of the times.

EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN.

The Work of the Ladies' Depository and Employment Office.

The third annual report of the Ladies' Depository and Employment Office shows that that very commendable enterprise is in a prosperous condition. During the year just past the struggle was a severe one, but it was bravely made, and the gratifying result is that the association enters upon the new year with the incubus of debt cast off from it. The enterprise is worthy of the continued and generous patronage of friends of the "working woman," and no doubt its friends will in the future, as they have in the past, stand ready to defend it from inclement fortune.

In the course of her report, Miss Mary W. P. McClelland, the Secretary says: "The society is designed to to assist worthy, industrious women to dispose of and obtain reasonable remuneration for their work. The rooms, No. 108 Penn avenue, are in charge of an agent who receives orders for work and cuts and gives it out to the workers. We have at present a number of excellent seamstresses and we do not depair earnestly to the public for sewing of every description, that we may keep them employed. Family sewing, repairing, knitting and drawing is solicited. All kinds of fancy work are also solicited. Any needy, deserving person may become a worker or depositor, by application to a member of the Board.

Last year 1,024 articles were made, valued at $1,902. Paid workers and depositors $1,163.59. The profits amount to $178.90. Of this $125.85 represents the discount."

The following are the officers and managers of the institution: Mrs. W. P. Logan, President; Mrs. Robert McKnight, Vice President; Miss H. L. Moorhead, Treasurer; Miss Mary W. P. McClelland, Secretary.

Managers—Mrs. W. H. Barnes, Mrs. Albert Childs, Mrs. Chas. J. Clarke, Mrs. Geo. S. Griscom, Mrs. Anna Kay, Mrs. W. P. Logan, Mrs. Robert McKnight, Mrs. W. J. Moorhead, Mrs. W. W. Patrick, Mrs. Sam'l E. Schmertz, Mrs. Wm. Thaw, Mrs. Wm. Vankirk, Mrs. Jas. O'Hara, Mrs. James P. Speer, Mrs. W. W. Watson, Mrs. Jas. Marshall, Miss H. L. Moorhead, Miss Garrison, Miss Laughlin, Miss Darlington, Miss Forsythe, Miss Bakewell, Miss McClelland.

Following is the report of the Treasurer: Henrietta L. Moorhead, Treasurer, in account with Ladies' Depository from January, 1875, to January, 1876:

CASH RECEIVED AND DISBURSED.

Dr—To commission on work and sales, &c., $162.04; donations and collections of managers, $529.75; initiation fees, $16; fines of managers, $23.85; collection from W. C. A. Anniversary, $11.50; received from Home for Aged and Gilmore Mission for use of room, $17.68; proceeds of "Kettle Drum," $285.93; total, $1,046.75.

Cr—Rent of rooms for one year, $400; balance due agent for last year, $125; salary paid agent, $470.86; cash, $8,50; water tax, $5.16; total, $1,009.52; January 13th, 1876, cash on hand, $37.23; total, $1,046.75.

Marion Harland in her new cook book "Breakfast, Luncheon and Tea," recommends the use of Prepared or Self Raising Flour in the preparation of Tea Cakes, Rolls, Muffins, Griddle Cakes, Waffles, Biscuits, Pastry, &c. Directions for use are given with each package. For sale by grocers generally.

THE REFORM SCHOOL.

The Officers of the Institution Under Investigation by the Board of Charities.

The Story that the Witnesses for the Prosecution Tell of the Cruelties Perpetrated by the Officers—What Miss Pence has to Say About the Administration of Matron McCoy—The Wagon Whip Figuring Largely in the Story of Corporeal Punishment.

Yesterday at 11:30, Francis Wells, Esq., and Wm. Bakewell, Esq., a committee of the Board of Charities, began an investigation of the charges of cruelty that have recently been preferred against the officers of the Reform School. The investigation was held in the chapel of the Refuge at Wood's Run. A number of the members of the Board of Managers were present. Before beginning the examination of witnesses, Mr. Wells, Chairman of the Committee of Investigation, said that the present inquiry was instituted at the request of the Board of Managers of the Reform School. If there were any witnesses in this case outside of the institution he would like to be furnished with their names, so that he might request their attendance. The Board of Charities could not compel their attendance, as it was not empowered to issue subpœnas, though the right to administer oaths was vested in it by the Legislature. The witnesses present, for the prosecution were Miss Dickey, Miss Pence, Miss Nieman, Mr. McElhany and Mr. Vickers, *Leader* reporter. Mr. McElhaney arose and said that he could furnish names of two important witnesses now employed in the Penitentiary. He then handed Mr. Wells the names of Wm. Mardorf, contractor, and Wm. B. Humphreys, foreman of the room department.

In answer to a request from Mr. Wells, Rev. W. H. Gill furnished him the following list of witnesses to be summoned: Miss Andrews, Allegheny; Miss L. J. Blair, Irwin station, P. R. R.; Rev. J. S. Travelli, Sewickley; Robt. Love, Kelly station, W. P. R. R.; John Timmony, National Hotel, Water street; Wm. Winterbottom, Akron, Ohio.

The chairman then said that in order to proceed with the investigation properly some specific charges should be made, so that the committee might know just what they had to investigate. At present all that was before the committee in the shape of charges were the statements of Mrs. McKelvey and Miss Dickey, and he was not sure that those statements would form a proper basis for the beginning of the investigation. It were better that some person present should make the charges formally, and stand forward to represent them. The statements referred to were a trifle too indefinite

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THE PERSON THAT BROUGHT THE CHARGES

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Mr. Wells—As I understand these charges, and I get my information from the current news of the Pittsburgh papers, the charge that is made against the Superintendent and officers of this institution, is that of cruelty to the inmates. We don't propose to make this investigation a roving one. We propose, at this time, to deal specifically with this charge.

Mr. Gill—I understand that cruelty is one of the charges and I would like this committee to appoint a time to-morrow when their counsel will be present. The investigation of the specific charges now before you. At that time counsel will be prepared to present the case in due form, and all the witnesses will be present.

Mr. Wells—We cannot afford to lose today but will postpone any part of the investigation that you think could not be fairly presented, in the interest of your friends, without the assistance of counsel, until to-morrow.

Mr. Gill—Is it your duty to investigate this specific charge, or does your functions extend to an investigation of this institution from bottom to top?

Mr. Wells—It is our present intention to investigate the specific charges made.

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Mr. King—That gentleman (Mr. Gill) who brought these charges before the Board of Managers and caused the investigation to be made, said that he was absent from that investigation because he was not allowed to appear as counsel, and I ask now that he be relieved from that position and be allowed to act as counsel in this case.

Mr. Gill—I decline to appear as counsel in this case. The ladies whose veracity has been impugned have counsel to protect them in the proper presentation of their testimony, and all that I desire is to learn whether they have told the truth or not.

Mr. Bakewell—It is necessary to have some one appear as prosecutor. Well, as no one appears to represent the charges we will never get on with our business. We would like very much to proceed with the case to-day as far as possible. It may be distinctly understood that any person may appear by counsel to-morrow, and the witnesses examined to-day will be available for re-examination to-morrow if it is desired.

The investigation was then formally begun by Mr. Wells, who, preliminary to the examination of the first witness, read the statement of Miss S. Dickey, which has already been published.

After the statement was read, Mr. Gill again asked whether the committee intended to confine the investigation to the charges of cruelty, or if it was proposed to examine generally into the affairs of the institution.

Mr. Wells replied that the committee intended to address themselves to the charges made before the Board of Managers, and so far as possible to confine themselves to that issue. Mr. Gill suggested that the McElhany side of the controversy be stated first, and that the charges made by the ladies be left until to-morrow.

Mr. Bakewell said that they proposed to investigate everything that was embraced in the specific charges, which have been made public and brought to the attention of the Legislature, and of the Board of Charities.

Mr. Gill said that he pursued the subject because since these charges were made, he had received information that the Board of Charities should know, and which affected the institution.

Mr. Wells, said for the third time that the committee wanted to hear everything that had a bearing, within broad limits, upon the charges made. There is no disposition to restrict testimony. The system of drainage of the institution, said Mr. Wells, was a very important subject, and it should be known to the Board of Charities, but it was quite obvious that information of that nature could not enter into this investigation. And, so it was with other matters equally important, and quite as irrelevant to the present investigation of specifically alleged abuses. In conclusion Mr. Wells said that he was fresh from a very extended investigation in another part of the State and the committee were thoroughly experienced in the business of this kind. This investigation is made for the purpose of getting at the truth and it will be got at before the investigation is concluded.

This ended the discussion and Susan Dickey was called as

THE FIRST WITNESS.

She tesitified: "Came to the institution on September 2d, 1875; was not particularly engaged just before that time; have been a teacher in Bonegal township; I taught ten years; am not a graduate; was educated at Pleasant Hill Semminary; was engaged in the Refuge as teacher; taught the girls; was in the institution two months and eleven days; Miss McCoy was matron; Miss Lee was also a teacher; she was principal of the school when I came; soon after our positions were reversed; was under the instructions of Mr. Avery; the actual intercourse of the officers was only at the table; at other times they were seperated; a portion of my duty was to see that the boys' dining room was kept in order; from 6 o'clock until 7:30 in the morning was on duty in the dining room; was on duty in the dining-room in the afternoon also; my duties particularly consisted in superintending the girls while they were cleaning up the room; the number of girls employed in the dining-room with me varied, when I first entered the institution there was ten girls, and afterward the number was reduced to five, my duties as teacher began at 2:30 o'clock, and from that time until 7:30, with a short interval for supper, I was engaged in teaching; I did not administer any punishment; my pupils, when it became necessary, were punished by the Matron; after 7:30 my time was my own; know that the girls under my charge were punished; one morning two girls, whose name I don't recollect, but who were about seventeen or eighteen years of age, came into the dining room with their faces very much swollen; they were crying and I told them to sit down and I would report their cases to the matron; they said they were suffering from the toothache; I told the matron and Miss McCoy came into the room

SLAPPED THEM IN THE FACE,

telling them to go on with their work; another time, I met Martha Call, aged about eighteen years, standing in the hall near the dining room, and I asked her to go into the dining room and prepare the bread; soon after she raised the window of the dining room in answer to a rap of an officer of the institution, who was in the boy's room, and who wanted some towels; this was in violation of the rules, and while she was standing there with the towels in her clenched hands; the towels should have been placed there in the morning by me, and the fault was mine, not the girls; the matron saw the girl raise the window while she was passing through the hall; the girl cried and tried to excuse herself; I never explained to the matron that the girl had been punished as a consequence of my neglect; a month intervened between the two cases of cruelty; I saw, at various times, a number of girls slapped and punished that way, but it was such a frequent occurrence that I did not fix the names in my memory; I suppose that at some time or other every girl in my room was slapped; I can name no other specific case of punishment in the dining room; the slapping was not very severe; there was one time that Emma Rose came into the dining room with blood oozing from her cheek.

A recess was taken at this point for dinner.

The session convened after recess at 1:10 Miss Dickey continued her testimony: The girls were sent to the sewing room to be punished when they were unruly; inquired if I had authority to inflict punishment; the matron told me to send girls to her when it was necessary to punish them; saw girls punished in other departments; Mary Trimmer was punished in my presence; she was seventeen years of age at least; she was slapped with the hands and fists; the place of punishment this time was in the kitchen; don't know the cause of the punishment; they were whipped promiscously, sometimes with what you would call a horse-whip; the matron would rush in among the girls when they were in the bathroom, or in the yard and

BEAT THEM PROMISCUOUSLY WITH THE HORSE-WHIP;

the cause of the punishment was for talking; the girls were under my charge at the time; the whip was a gentleman's riding whip, about two and a half feet long, and about twice as thick as a pencil; can't give the names of any of the girls in the bathroom; at one time, when the girls were whipped promiscuously, Luella Herman was struck in the eye with the whip by the matron; I saw welts on the backs of the girls; one of these was Emma Rose; blood was oozing from her neck from the effect of a whipping that she had received; the cut on her neck was about an inch long; it was right under the ear; Ida Coursen, I think, was the girl who had a welt on her back from the use of the whip; the welt was about an inch long, and much inflamed; I did not see the girl whipped; only saw the wound after the whipping; Martha Cole's face was swollen from a whipping that she had received; I saw her struck in the face; I saw her struck several times; these were the only instances of corporeal punishment that I witnessed; girls were often sent from the table because of misconduct; never saw Superintendent Avery whip any of the inmates, but I heard that he visited the girls out of lashes; he never came into the female department to administer punishment; have seen him with the whip in his hand and heard him scolding at the time that I was leaving the institution; just before I saw him I heard the lashes of a whip; when I heard the lashes I supposed he was in the hall; the sound of the lashing lasted about five minutes; there was an outcry; and the voice sounded like a girl's; did not see who was puhished; afterwards asked a girl named Lizzy Jones, who sweptout the halls, who were being whipped, and she said Mr. Avery was whipping two girls, Topsy Black and Mary Kiernan; heard Avery say "I will take the hide off you;" the voice of Avery was very loud; I could distinguish Mr. Avery's voice among a hundred. He was about three yards from me when I came on the landing. He was in his shirt sleeves; the room where he was standing was one of Mr. Avery's private apartments; the time was about nine o'clock in the morning; when I first heard the outcry I was on the landing above where I saw Mr. Avery; cannot remember what Mr. Avery said after I came down on the landing; did not see the girls, but I supposed from what I understood the whips over their heads; there was no one visible but Mr. Avery; in my statement the assertion that "I saw Avery brandishing a whip over the heads of two unfortunate girls," is an error; know of no other instance that Mr. Avery administered punishment; saw Miss McClelland, Miss McCoy and Miss Miller slap the girls once or twice; Miss Miller is the assistant matron; heard the matron, the assistant matron, Miss McClelland and Helen Lee, call the girls names, such as thieves, liars burglars and sluts. Miss McClelland used these names quite commonly; never heard Mr. Avery use such language to the girls; the officers that I named were in the habit of applying opprobrious epithets to the girls when they were disobedient; think the language was employed in the beginning and many times without provocation; this language was never used in Mr. Avery's presence; have known girls to be locked up as a punishment for slight offenses such as talking loud, giving impudence, &c.; they are allowed to talk some, but when they are boisterous they are whipped and sent from the table; heard from other officers that

GIRLS WERE PUT INTO LOCK-UPS;

I sent several girls from the school room during my term of service to be punished; their offenses were slight, and when I sent them down I knew what kind of punishment Mrs. McCoy was in the habit of administering; while I was in the institution Mr. Avery never came into my department but once, and that time on the day I left; there was a great deal of disturbance in the sewing room, and I think that it was because the girls were being punished; Mrs. Miller, the Assistant Matron; this feeling was caused, the girls said, because she was in the habit of complaining of them to the matron, and for the reason that she frequently struck them with her keys; the girls that were in my charge spoke of the sewing room with horror, and often pleaded with me not to send them there; the reason that the girls had a horror of the sewing room was that they were treated unkindly in various ways, and that they were compelled to work until they were exhausted; they were more liable to be punished for a reason to ask, when were in the sewing room, than if they had been in the yard or in their rooms; this was the reason for their dislike the sewing room was a sort of rendezvous for the girls when they were disengaged; some of the girls were sent out to work in the drenching rain, while they were in the incipient stages of fever; those girls that I know of, Lizzie Merriman and Alice Alliman; Tilly Merriman has since died; Alice and Mary complained to me, and I sent them to the matron to tell her that they were unfit for work; I did not tell the matron how sick the girls were, but I was interfering; soon after I entered the institution I discovered that the officers did not receive reports of this nature kindly when made by other matrons; Mary Tilly, one case, when the girls had the toothache and the report was received so unkindly that I never reported again; Alice Allman and Tilly Merriman said they would rather die than go into the sewing room; I remember of one instance where a girl named Ella Currey was punished by being locked in her room and fed on bread and water; was not instructed in any case of slovenliness among the pupils; habitually reported cases of unkind treatment of the girls, and of illness among them to the nurse Mrs. Johnson; never had to make direct reports to Mr. Avery; he was not in the habit of talking a great deal to the girls; encouraged them to talk to me freely, and treated them like friends; a girl named Mary Walker, who was in the institution when I first entered, I may have called the girls names, but I don't remember; never knew Mr. Avery to use such language; didn't think the institution was conducted on a Christian principle; there was no mildness or kindness there; there was a good deal of tyranny there practiced by Miss McCoy; the children were mostly employed by the family of Mr. Avery; once when Mrs. Avery was sick eight of the children came down into the kitchen, one after another, before breakfast to report that all the house six months and I never heard a blessing asked; the talk was to make fun of religion; those who made fun of religion were Miss McClelland and Miss Lee; the time when they did this was at the table; Mr. Avery preached on the Sabbath; I could not say that I didnot slap girls in my department; I slapped Lizzie Young once; thought had right to punish the girls when they misbehaved; after I was there two months Mr. Avery came down to my department and asked me why I had not make a pudding and I said how could I when I had no butter, and he said I had used 40 more pounds of butter than any other woman who was ever in the institution, and that I was a mean low woman, and he called the book keeper to get a policeman; Mr. Avery called upon McGiffin, the book-keeper, twice to call a policeman, but the book-keeper did not call the officer; subsequently Mr. Avery apologized, and he and all the lady officers assisted in requesting me to remain in the institution; no police officer ever came in during my stay in the institution.

The hour of 5 o'clock then adjourned at this point until 9 o'clock this morning, with Miss Pence still on the stand.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

A Man Run Through by a Red Hot Bar of Steel.

About nine o'clock yesterday morning a very serious accident occurred to one of the workmen in the La Belle Steel Works, on Rebecca street, near Ridge avenue, Allegheny. It appears that a young man named John Graff, who was employed at one of the rolls, failed to catch a red hot bar of steel with his pincers, which was being run through the rolls, and before he could get out of the way it struck the lower part of his body, inflicting a terrible injury. He was at once removed to his home at the corner of Belmont and Rebecca streets, and Dr. Johnston and several other physicians summoned. The injury is of such a serious nature that but very faint hopes are entertained of his recovery.

CRIME IN THE CITY.

Brief Mention of Minor Offences and Petty Criminalities.

SARAH LAWRENCE made an information before Alderman Anderson, yesterday, charging J. Kline with seduction. The defendant was committed for trial.

GEORGE SMITH was before Alderman Hoerr yesterday on a charge of seduction under a promise of marriage, made by Gustave Schaaf, who alleges that his minor daughter was the victim. Smith gave bail for a preliminary hearing. Both parties live in the Twenty-sixth ward.

Court Brevities.

THE COMMON Pleas Court No. 1 will be engaged to-day in hearing the arguments in the case of Murray vs. Kilgore, or the County Treasurership quest[illegible] consequently there will be no jury [illegible] foro Monday.

AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

Mr. McCullough appeared last night as *Hamlet*, a character in which he failed to create as favorable an impression as he did in any of his previous *roles* this week. His physique is too robust to meet the popular idea of *Hamlet*. There is too much physical strength in his impersonation and not enough intellectual. This evening, his benefit, he will enact the part of *Spartacus*, in "The Gladiator," as which he is said to have no equal. A full house should greet him.

Library Hall—The Charity Concert.

An event that will long be remembered with pleasure in Pittsburgh musical circles is the grand Charity Concert that took place in Library Hall last evening. For apart from its success as a charitable effort —the audience being large and the receipts commensurate with it—the result in a musical point of view was not only creditable, but such as to be a matter of sincere congratulation by those who are interested in advancing the musical *status* of the community. With a single exception all those who took part in the performances were residents of Pittsburgh, or Allegheny, (which for all practical purposes is the same thing); therefore whatever praise is due the concert can justly and proudly be claimed by the city.

The following was the programme:

PART I.

1. Overture—Stradella.....Flotow
   Great Western Band.
2. Trio—I Naviganti.....Rendegger
   Miss Wallace, Mr. Brecht, Mr. Boehme.
3. Piano Solo—{a Etude.....Gottschalk; b La Campanella.....Liszt} Miss Zo Swissbelm.
4. Soprano Solo—{a Grand Valse di Concert.....Hall; b Rhapsodie Hongroise, No. 2.....Liszt} Miss Colville.
5. Piano Solo—{a Grand Valse di Concert.....Hall; b Rhapsodie Hongroise, No. 2.....Liszt} Miss Lizzie Eaton, No. 3.
6. Duett—O, Come to Me.....Kucken
   Mr. Brecht, Mr Boehme.
   Recitation—Poem.
   Mr. Gothhold.
   Prof. S. C. Hongbout,
   Accompanist.

PART II.

1. Overture—Selections from Balfe's Bohemian Girl.....C. Grosse
   Great Western Band.
2. Sextete—Lucia di Lammermoor—
   Miss Colville, Miss Hughes, Mr. Bussmann, Mr. Brecht, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Boehme.
3. Piano Solo—{a Rondeau, E flat op. 16...Chopin; b Faust Waltz.....Liszt} Miss Julia Rive.
4. Soprano Solo—Miss Wallace.
5. Air Varie—Ben Bolt—
   Violin Solo, with Orchestral Accompaniment.
   Mr. F. Zittebart, Jr.
6. Bandits' Duett, from Stradella.....Flotow
   Mr. Brecht and Mr. Boehme.
   Prof. S. C. Hongbout,
   Accompanist.

To devote space to praise of the performances of the Great Western Band would here be supererogatory. It has long occupied a so exalted and unquestioned supremacy in its line that it has become the pride and the boast of the city, as Dodsworth's is the pride, and the Marine Band is of Washington; taking rank, indeed, with these two, whose orchestral abilities are only surpassed by the unrivalled combination controlled by Theodore Thomas. However this remains that last night of the overture from "Stradella," and the selections from the "Bohemian Girl," were so artistic, so finished, and such complete interpretations of these inimitable compositions, that the audience could not, and did not, refrain from expressing its surprised approval.

In the trio, "I Navigauti," the arrangements was that Miss Wallace should take part with Mr. Brecht and Mr. Boehme. For some unexplained reason Miss Colville took the part of Miss Wallace and the latter lady afterwards appeared instead of Miss Colville in the sextette, "Lucia di Lammermoor" in the second part of the programme. With this exception no change was made in the programme. To speak in unreserved terms of praise of Miss Colville's performance would be doing her an injustice. Yet what fault there is to be found with her, is in truth only that which could be expected from a young voice and pleasing and her musical cultivation much beyond the average, but on the stage she displays entirely too much consciousness of the conspicuity of her position, thus empairing in her performance a certain degree of affectation that mars its completeness. In a drawing-room she would doubtless appear to much better advantage. Still the audience were sufficiently pleased with her efforts to demand an encore on her second appearance, which she accorded.

Mr. Brecht and Mr. Boehme acquitted themselves admirably throughout the whole of the performance in which they took part, and were heartily applauded, notwithstanding Mr. Brecht's indicrous facial contortions elicited many broad smiles.

We believe that last night was Miss Swissbelm's first public appearance as a pianist, and she may well be congratulated on the success which she achieved. Had she been upon the stage for years she could not have been more self-possessed and more completely master of all her faculties; hence it was that she played with faultless grace the two difficult selections named in the programme. It is a well known peculiarity of Gottschalk and Liszt, and especially of the latter, that their compositions are all difficult and elaborate, and permeated with a weird beauty that is seldom found in the works of other composers. That the works of Liszt lack the depth and grandeur of Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Wagner, and the other great masters, the most ardent of his innumerable admirers will not attempt to deny; but that to fashionably render one of his inimitable pianoforte compositions entitles the performer to high rank as a pianist, is equally undeniable.

To Miss Julia Rive too much praises as an American pianist can scarcely be given. She undoubtedly has truly earned her reputation of "America's greatest pianist." And why she is so called no one who has had the pleasure of hearing her will longer have reason to ask. Her playing she throws her whole soul, giving it that nameless charm which cannot be written on the score—which no amount of *crescendo* and *diminuendo*, *pianissimo* and *fortissimo* marks can ever teach, to the mechanical and merely artistic player to give. And then added to this subtle quality, Miss Rive brings the thorough training of one which, of all other teachers in the world, Liszt can give. That the audience appreciated these qualities was clearly testified in the enthusiastic manner with which an encore of each performance was demanded. To one of them only that was complied, giving the old but ever popular "Annie Laurie" with variations.

The sextette, "Lucia de Lammermoor," in which Miss Wallace, Miss Hughes, Mr. Brecht and Mr. Boehme, Mr. Huntington and Mr. Behme appeared, was a most brilliant success, insomuch that a repetition was emphatically demanded. Vocally Miss Wallace undoubtedly carried off the honors. Possessed of a fine voice and evidently in the verge of diffidence, she also undoubtedly has to a great degree that other quality which modesty is said to accompany—merit.

Miss Hughes is possibly a very fair singer, but it is really impossible to say what she can do, as her voice was seldom heard; —she does not begin to sing with sufficient power and strength for a concert room.

The concluding performance, "The Bandits' duett," from Stradella, by Messrs. Brecht and Boehme, was very good, but in it their efforts to please met with that decided evidence of weariness on the part of the audience which the great length of the entertainment logically engendered.

And now last, but by no means least, we must mention with particular favor the performance of Mr. Von Gottschalk took in the entertainment. The poem that he read was a new and unpublished one by Mr. Frank Gowan on General St. Clair. The poem itself has great merits, but read as it was by Mr. Gotthold, every thought in it took a deeper meaning. In fact there are but few, if any elocutionists in the country, to whom Mr. Gotthold is not superior. Miss Annie Reed, who played with most enthusiastically, and if they could have recalled him would certainly have done so.

Father Gerdemann.

Next Monday evening Pittsburghers will be afforded an opportunity to hear Father Gerdemann, of Philadelphia, a former priest of the Roman Catholic Church, the particulars of whose departure from the denomination with which he was so long connected, have become so familiar. He lectures at Library Hall. His subject is "The Romish Church of To-day," and he will doubtlessly handle it in an unusually entertaining style.

Trimble's Varieties.

An evening spent at Trimbles is not only a source of enjoyment while the spectator is witnessing the performances, but the remembrance of it is a source of retrospective pleasure. The memory of it is sufficient to keep aglow the sense of pleasure and delight.

Maggie Mitchell.

This famous and favorite actress commences a week's engagement at the Opera House next Monday evening. During the week she will produce "Fanchon," "Lorle," "Little Barefoot," "Jane Eyre," "The Pearl of Savoy," &c. She will be supported by Mr. Wm. Harris, and a full company of her own.

School of Design.

In another column will be found a list of the awards at yesterday's examination at the School of Design. The free exhibition commences next Monday, and will be well worth seeing.

NEWS FROM ROME.

The Meaning of Bishop Domenec's Visit to the Pope.

The meaning of Bishop Domenec's visit to Rome seems to be made clear by a telegram received in this city last night. The message was to the effect that a cable dispatch had been received by the *Freeman's Journal*, of New York, stating that a new Catholic Diocese had been formed of Allegheny, and that Bishop Domenec, by his own request, had been put in charge of it. The vacancy occasioned by Bishop Domenec's retiracy from the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be filled by the promotion of Rev. Father Twigg, of Altoona. The dispatch did not state when the change would go into effect, but it will probably be immediately upon the return of the Bishop from Rome.

Steamship Arrivals Yesterday.

Dispatches received at Max Schamberg's European Steamship Exchange and Telegraph office, at 163 Smithfield street, announces the arrival of the steamer State of Pennsylvania, at New York; steamer Bolivia, at Few York; steamer Switzerland, at New York; steamer Nova Scotian, at Baltimore; steamer State of Nevada, at Antwerp; steamer Ohio, at Glasgow.

M'KEE'S MUSE AGAIN.

A Song in Many Keys.

The divine afflatus took a powerful hold upon the Poet Laurette last night. He had been down at Library Hall, and under the influence of the inspiration of the hour he dashed off the following song, in many keys. It is but fair to say that Mr. McKee does not look upon this child of his brain as equal to the New Year's ode which was his last production,—but he nevertheless confesses to a belief that it is "grand," somewhat Swinburnish as it were. To properly understand the inspiration under which the Poet was laboring, the reader should peruse the prose preface which shows the influences of music and song which aroused the poetic fervor of the Laurette and caused him to break forth in song.

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I was down at Libery Hall Last Knight. The greate Palace was crowded This is one of the best Halls in the City—there is not so many People hanging around the Door as on Fifth Street I dont like to see People standing on the Curbestones looking and gazing in Peoples Faces this is very bad manners and no Gentleman will be is an unmanerly Dog and aught to be nocked down there is a Class of this Kind congregate on Fifth St and they do nothing but gaze at Passers by they wont go to no Place of Amusment but there they stand go into some Place and stay there go into the Theater or into the Ball Aly Or any Place you like but dont for Gods sake stand gazing at People I think McCarty aught to make a Rade on these Lofers Last saturday Night I went into One of the Eating sellers to get a Cup of Tea And as I went to go out the Doar was surrounded I thought I would be torn in Pieces' I would as leave meat Wolves as one half of mankind Library Halle is a very respectful Place for any one to spend An Evening for they are all respectable People that go there The Preformance last Knight Was not of a Theatrical Nature but like a parlor Gothold read a Poem one Young lady Performed on the Pianah She exceled any thing I ever saw as a Pianah Player Another young lady sang and A man accompanied her on the Pianah it is fine and worth seeing.

This Concert is got up for Aide you know that there are a greate many Poor People in the midst that require aid you know that the Bible says that the Poor ye have always with you this World is very sad and dreary when a man has nothing to eat or any place to lay his heade Especially when the Winds storms and cold weather sets in like to have something to Eate and some Place to sleep And that's all I want what is the use of hoarding up wellth seeing we can take noth